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Two soldiers wounded in intense Syrian fire

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded by Syrian fire along the northern frontier yesterday. The Syrians also shelled the Golan areas of Ein Zivan and Ramat Hamagshimim, causing no casualties.

Syrian fire was intense yesterday, encompassing most of the Bulge taken in the October war and Israel's Hermon. Several times during the day Katyusha rockets were fired at the Hermon.

Throughout the day Israel returned artillery fire.

In Beirut, the Lebanese Defence Ministry said Lebanese troops shelled two Israeli patrols that attempted to occupy hills on the western slopes of Mount Hermon yesterday.

Kissinger seeks end to deadlock

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger returned to Israel late last night after marathon talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad in a last-minute effort to break the Golan disengagement negotiation deadlock. The Secretary was due to return to Damascus either tonight or tomorrow morning — probably to wind up his four-week shuttle.

Yesterday morning the British Government said that Kissinger would stop over in London on Sunday, while the West German Government reported the Secretary would visit Bonn over the weekend.

By last night the Secretary's aides indicated that he had reached an agreement between Syria and Israel on basic issues but differences remain to be resolved.

Prior to leaving Israel for Syria yesterday afternoon, Kissinger indicated he might still stay for a few more days, providing a breakthrough is achieved on a Golan disengagement agreement "I have no deadline," Kissinger told newsmen when asked whether an accord could be completed by today.

American officials said that Kissinger was likely to forward further proposals of his own on key issues which are still blocking a disengagement agreement. Syria's reaction to such proposals last night and Israel's response today were expected to determine whether Kissinger would prolong his stay or whether he would negotiate them with Syrian and Israeli representatives in Washington.

Before he began his talks in Damascus, Kissinger summed up the situation as follows:

"It is my judgment that we have made great progress in this negotiation and even if we should for some reason not complete it on this trip, we will surely bring it to conclusion in the near future... but we will continue to persevere in the next few days..."

Kissinger's talks with Assad were believed to have concentrated on the Secretary's attempts to "register" the progress he had made in his daily round trips, especially in bringing about an agreement between Syria and Israel over a substantive disengagement scheme including a troop separation line.

Information Minister Shimon Peres yesterday said Israel and Syria remained in disagreement over the two key *issues of thinning out of* forces and the character and size of the U.N. force proposed to man the Golan buffer zone.

Kissinger was reported to have outlined a proposal for settling the first of two issues although the second remained outstanding in view of Damascus' uncompromising attitude.

None of the parties involved in the disengagement negotiation [illegible] the nature of the differences between Israel and Syria on these two issues.

However, reliable sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the Syrians remained insistent on maintaining a limited force of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the observer force which was assigned to the region in 1949, rather than to accept a UN Emergency Force (UNEF) which was dispatched to the Middle East in accordance with a Security Council resolution adopted in the aftermath of the October war.

The Syrians were said to have expressed preparedness to accept limited UNEF units providing these are assigned to assist UNTSO rather than the other way round, *as is the case on the Egyptian* front.

Meanwhile, the Syrian leaders yesterday conferred with Egyptian Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamasy who arrived in Damascus on Wednesday night carrying an urgent message from President Anwar Sadat to Assad.

Earlier reports from Damascus said that the Syrians had on various occasions raised the possibility of having Gamasy sign a troop separation accord for them with Israel under the pretext that Egypt and Syria had entered the October war under an Egyptian-led joint command.

Observers at the time said that Syria was, in fact, seeking to avoid any direct accord with Israel so long as Damascus' basic demands for an Israel withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers and "the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people" are not met.

K'S AIDES EXHAUSTED

JERUSALEM (Reuter). — Nearly four weeks of diplomatic shuffling by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is leaving aides, reporters and even security guards exhausted and prone to illness.

According to officials in the party, many of the Kissinger camp followers have complained of stomach trouble, either from the constantly changing food and water or lack of sleep, and a few — including Mrs. Nancy Kissinger — have picked up colds to keep the party's doctor busy.

It is perhaps the security men — American, Israeli and Syrian alike — who are having the *most tiring time loking after* the most protected U.S. Secretary of State ever.

LABOUR SIGNS COALITION PACT WITH ILP, CRM

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour-Mapam Alignment, the Independent Liberal Party and the Citizens Rights Movement last night signed an agreement to establish a coalition based on the support of 61 of the Knesset's 120 members.

The signing ceremony took place in the second-floor office of Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin at party head offices in Rehov Hayarkon here.

Efforts are still being made to bring in the National Religious Party.

Premier-designate Rabin is to inform President Katzir today that he has succeeded in forming a new government, based on a coalition of 61 Knesset members. But he will not tell the President until Sunday who his ministers will be. Mr. Rabin will thus be within the 21-day deadline the President gave him when he entrusted Rabin with the task of forming a government.

Information Minister Shimon Peres announced earlier that the new government will, in all probability, be presented *to the Knesset* for its initial vote of confidence on either Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the Kissinger talks. He urged that an all-out effort be made by then to persuade the NRP to join.

Mr. Peres came to the signing ceremony with a clear mandate from the Rafi wing of the party, whose Central Committee members convened earlier in the third-floor conference room. They voted by 80 to eight, with 11 abstentions, to send two ministers to the Rabin government — Shimon Peres and Gad Ya'acobi, who beat Yitzhak Navon for the nomination. They also appealed to bring in the NRP.

The opposing votes included that of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who said however that he would vote in the Knesset with the majority. The abstainers included three Rafi MKs — Gad Ya'acobi, Matilde Ghez and David Coren — and Prof. Sa'adia Amiel. Another abstainer, Mordechai Ben-Porat, MK, reiterated his intention of voting against the Rabin government. But he added: "Unlike Avraham Ofer, Lova Eliav and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, I will act with integrity and resign from my seat, on the day *the next in line* enters the house, to enable Rafi's Amos Hurwitz to take it."

(The "next in line" on Labour's Knesset state is Jacques Amir of Ahdut Ha'avoda, who will get a Knesset seat if Golda Meir — or any other Alignment MK — resigns. Next after Amir is Amos Hurwitz of Rafi.)

Mr. Peres led those in Rafi who argued for joining the Cabinet, pursuing the line that — as loyal party members — they were bound by the decision of the Labour Party Central Committee. Any alternative proposal implied a split, he said. Mr. Peres denied that Rafi was demanding the defence portfolio as a condition for supporting the Coalition. "I do not know who invented this idea," he said, stressing that the candidate should get the post for his personal qualifications and not for his factional affiliation. He noted that Dayan was chosen for his qualities — not because he was in Rafi.

(However, there appeared to be an unmentioned understanding that Mr. Peres would get the defence portfolio. This is believed to be the reason for Rafi's vote to join the Rabin government.)

Mr. Dayan told the meeting: "In my darkest dreams I never imagined that such a coalition could be brought into existence," (referring to its highly dovish tilt) with the Aloni group, minus the NRP. He said, "I would not join a government even if it were headed by Shimon (Peres) and included the NRP."

Mr. Dayan said he trusted Premier-designate Rabin would offer the Defence portfolio to Peres "because in his Cabinet team Peres is the most suitable person for that job." He warned his more extreme Rafi colleagues (such as Mr. Ben-Porat): "I am not naive enough to assume that the seven Rafi MKs had nothing to do with Shimon being in line for defence. Don't disband so quickly."

He was against leaving the Labour Party, "unlike Ofer, Ben-Aharon and Lova. I will leave by the front door."

He had strong reservations about the composition of the incoming cabinet: He personally would have preferred new elections, he said. "We do not have personal elections. But the electorate knew it was choosing a government team — Golda, Dayan, Eban and Sapir. I'd prefer, the public to have an opportunity to choose a new team with, say, Ofer, Rabinowitz and Uzan. I went to the polls, but not to represent the path of (Shulamit) Aloni and Meir Pa'il."

The Ahdut Ha'avoda faction decided last night to postpone the election of its two minister-candidates in the new government pending Mr. Rabin's final reply regarding the post he is offering Yigal Allon. The meeting resolved to help Mr. Rabin in the formation of his new cabinet, and called for continuing efforts to get the NRP to join the coalition.

It was reported last night that, since Rabin is understood to have offered the defence portfolio to Peres, Allon is likely to agree to serve as foreign minister. It was not clear whether Allon would also retain the deputy premiership, or whether Abba Eban—who is expected to be offered the post of information minister — would also be appointed deputy premier.

Easy for NRP to join

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The coalition agreement makes it easy for the NRP to join at a later date. It contains all the clauses of the outgoing government's coalition agreement on the religious *status quo*, including the provision to set up a Ministerial committee on the "Who's a Jew" issue.

Another provision gives freedom of vote to the NRP — should it join — if an amendment to the Law of Return should be proposed by another party.

In addition, the coalition pact of the Rabin government stipulates that new elections will be held before acceptance of a peace agreement with Jordan, which would involve withdrawal from any part of Judea or Samaria.

MA'ALOT-TYPE ACTION WAS PLANNED: 6 TERRORISTS KILLED

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Six terrorists who infiltrated Israeli territory from Syria and intended to take hostages at Kibbutz Ha'on and Kibbutz Ein Gev on Lake Kinneret were killed on the Golan Heights early yesterday morning. Two more were taken captive.

The eight crossed into Israeli territory during the night in two groups. They were found to be in possession of a list of Israeli-held terrorists whose release they intended to demand. The two men taken alive said it had also been planned to demand the bodies of the three terrorists killed in the Ma'alot massacre May 15.

It has been established that the eight were sent by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Nayef Hawatmeh. They were carrying explosives, light automatic weapons and grenades. In their possession were loudspeakers and documents indicating they were planning an action similar to that in Ma'alot last week when 21 high school pupils were killed.

The terrorists crossed the cease-fire line with Israel at two points south and north of Ramat Hamagshimim on the Golan Heights. Their tracks were found by army trackers shortly after 6 a.m.

About an hour later one of the marauders, apparently realizing the game was up, surrendered to the pursuing soldiers in the Pik region, several kilometres west of the crossing point.

He told the soldiers that the rest of his group were heading in the direction of Ha'on. Some three hours later security forces managed to engage the main body of infiltrators, and within minutes killed four of them and took one more captive.

Meanwhile a second search party was in persuit of the two terrorists who had crossed the border to the south. They were located and killed several kilometres north of Nahal Golan at 11.30 a.m.

Initial interrogation of the two captured terrorists indicates the group intended to occupy two houses at Ha'on and Ein Gev and take as many hostages as possible in order to secure the release of several terrorists held in Israeli prisons. After taking hostages the terrorists apparently intended to use the same basic plan as that used by the three Ma'alot killers — they would release the hostages only after a code word was brought to them by the ambassador of a "friendly" country following the safe transport of the released terrorists to an Arab country, and their own safe return to Syria.

It is generally believed here the group crossed into Israel with the blessings of the Syrian military authorities, who have always in the past kept tight control over terrorist movements in Syria. It is thought highly unlikely that the eight could have crossed Syrian lines, which are heavily manned by regular Syrian military units, without the prior knowledge and consent of the army, nor could they have entered the military area east of the cease-fire lines the day before without prior permission.

That the terrorists infiltrated from the Syrian frontier did not come as a suprise here. This has been expected since the Ma'alot massacre when Israel tightened up security along the Lebanese frontier, and heavily reinforced villages, towns and settlements in Western Galilee. Hawatmeh has headquarters in Damascus as well as Beirut, as has Ahmed Jabril, chief of the Popular Front: General Command, which was responsible for the Kiryat Shmona massacres.

Meanwhile on Wednesday night Israeli forces killed a terrorist on the Lebanese frontier near Idmit.

Shortly after 8 p.m. soldiers opened fire, but a subsequent search of the area failed to produce any sign of the infiltrator. With the aid of flares the soldiers found the body of one terrorist.

Security precautions in the North entered their third day.

...I don't remember the code word

One of the captured terrorists, Abdullah el-Mehdi, 27, of Aleppo, Syria, told an Israel Radio reporter he had been a member of the Democratic Front since the beginning of 1973. This was his first mission, he said.

"Our plan was to seize hostages," he said. "We had to split up into two units of three men each. Our destinations: Ein Gev and Ha'on. In exchange for hostages we were to seize in Ein Gev we were going to demand the release of 25 of our comrades imprisoned in Israel. For the hostages at Kibbutz Ha'on the exchange would be to fly the bodies of our comrades killed in Ma'alot to Damascus."

El-Mahdi, who was wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans, said he and his comrades had orders not to negotiate with the Israelis. The *Rumanian, Japanese, Austrian* or French ambassadors were to be summoned to handle the negotiations for the exchange.

He said the code words to signal the release of the hostages were: "Tiberias aflame" — which the ambassador was to repeat twice, indicating that he could negotiate with the terrorists; "Zayid the fighter" (one of the three terrorists killed at Ma'alot), which would indicate that the released prisoners and the bodies had arrived in Damascus.

"A third code word," el-Mahdi said, "would allow us to extend our deadline by one hour. I don't remember the word — it's somewhere in our papers."

ISRAEL TO GET $156m. U.S. AID

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel will not lose $155.8m. of U.S. aid which had been threatened by congressional action.

A Senate-House conference committee agreed late Wednesday to a Defence Department 1974 supplemental authorization measure which does not include the controversial provision passed earlier by the Senate. The latter would have denied Israel the aid.

The issue arose earlier this year when the Senate Armed Services Committee voted that the $155.8m. incremental cost of replacing equipment sent to Israel during the October war should come out of the $2,200m. aid fund earmarked for Israel. The measure later approved by the full Senate thus would have required Israel to pay for that equipment at replacement rather than inventory prices.

The House Armed Services Committee, under some lobbying pressure from pro-Israel groups here, subsequently voted to authorize an additional $140.3m. for the Defence Department, for the arms replacement, rather than agreeing with the Senate to take the money out of the $2,200m. package for Israel. When the House concurred, the issue was sent to a House-Senate conference for reconciliation.

The conference's agreement to accept the House version was greeted with relief and satisfaction by Israel Embassy officials and American Jewish representatives here.

The Senate conference team was led by the senior Armed Services Committee members — Senators Stennis, Symington and Jackson — who, although sensitive to the needs of the Pentagon for the payback, evidently were also sensitive to the arguments that the payback not be deducted from the emergency assistance funds voted for Israel in the wake of the war.

Nixon sees Soviet deputies on summit

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Nixon discussed his forthcoming Moscow summit trip with eight Soviet parliamentarians yesterday, a White House spokesman said.

Gerald Warren, deputy press secretary, said Nixon fully intended to make the trip to Moscow around June 21 and said the President expressed the value of such visits during his session with the Soviet delegation.

Warren said Nixon would be negotiating from strength, rather than from Watergate weakness.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The terrorist group that attacked Ma'alot said in Damascus yesterday six of its men were killed and two wounded in a fight with Israeli troops in "Upper Galilee."

The Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said the battle broke out when its members attacked a number of Israeli military positions in the region. It said the men caused "tens of casualties" among the Israeli forces. (See story above.)

Dayan: Important to prevent war with Egypt

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said last night he would be willing to accept a less-than-optimal disengagement line with Syria, if this meant keeping Egypt out of a renewed war. Speaking of the importance of completing the disengagement agreement with Syria, he warned it had to be considered in the context of its implications for Egypt.

Reviewing the security situation at the Rafi meeting here, Mr. Dayan advised that the U.S. was looking for a rapprochement with the Arab states and aimed to expand its influence there. The Americans also have oil problems, he said, and "if Dr. Kissinger's mission with Syria does not succeed it will not enhance our relations with Washington."

Mr. Dayan noted that no one could say with certainty that Syria was looking to peace and did not to war — unlike the situation in Egypt. "That is why we are so insistent on the line, on U.N. supervision, and on the thinning-out of forces," he said.

Imports made dearer

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

TEL AVIV. — The Government last night made most imported goods more expensive by slapping a flat 20 per cent compulsory deposit on all imports carrying duty of at least 10 per cent (i.e., on nearly everything).

The move, taken by the Cabinet *Economics Committee*, is expected to cause a substantial squeeze on available purchasing power, as no expansion of bank credit is envisaged to finance it.

The deposits, expected to amount to over IL900m. over the next year, will carry no interest, and will be repaid after 12 months. In applying the measure, the government has followed Italy's example, and expects to get a dispensation from GATT in view of its difficult balance-of-payments situation. Similar deposits were in fact in force during 1970-1973, though their terms were less stiff, for they carried six per cent interest and were repayable after six months. Also, those deposits were applied only to imports liable to customs duties of at least 30 per cent.

The new deposits have been deliberately imposed so as to affect the bulk of imported commodities — except for most raw materials — in order to make them more expensive and thus reduce their attraction for the public's money.

(Devaluation — Page 2)

'Thaw' in Moscow-Cairo ties

Soviets resume arms shipments to Egypt

CAIRO (UPI). — The Soviet Union has begun to ship new arms to Egypt to meet pending requests and is keeping its communication lines with Cairo open in what diplomatic sources termed a thaw in the crisis between the two countries.

The sources said the Soviets have resumed arms deliveries after a pause lasting more than six months.

There was no word about the types or quantities of arms involved.

The resumption of supplies, plus an ongoing correspondence between Soviet and Egyptian leaders, have "broken the ice," the sources said.

There have been two letters from Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Breshnev to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat since the middle of last month, they said.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: Barometric ridge over East Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	46	11—20	11—22
Golan	54	8—19	9—20
Nahariya	60	14—24	14—20
Safed	56	9—22	9—23
Haifa Port	59	13—22	14—24
Tiberias	36	15—30	15—32
Nazareth	48	14—23	14—25
Afula	51	12—26	12—28
Shomron	49	12—21	11—22
Tel Aviv	65	15—22	14—24
Lod Airport	48	13—25	11—21
Jericho	45	16—29	16—31
Gaza	76	15—24	14—25
Beersheba	45	13—26	12—28
Eilat	19	18—33	20—34
Tiran Straits	51	—32	20—32

Social and Personal

The West German Ambassador and Mrs. Jesco von Puttkamer yesterday gave a reception at their residence in Herzliya-Pituah to mark the 25th anniversary of the German Federal Republic.

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Dr. Hans Rudolf Meyer, Mayor of Lucerne, and Andre Feher, the executive of the Belgian Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, yesterday visited the Institute.

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The Carlo Schapira Hall at the Enaudi Cultural Centre of the Israel Goldstein Youth Village was dedicated on Wednesday, May 22, in the presence of Andria Schapira, son of Carlo Schapira Jr., Miss Emma Cantoni of Italy, Yitzhak Artzi, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv and Shraga Adiel, director general of Youth Aliya.

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Tonight's *Oneg Shabbat* at Hechal Shlomo, Jerusalem, will begin at 9 o'clock. Rabbi Dr. Alexander Carlebach and Shlomo Levav of the Foreign Ministry will speak. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the *zmirot*.

Tomorrow, a *Melaveh Malka* programme will be presented at 8.45. Haim Zohar of the Foreign Ministry will be the guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Leadner will provide the musical programme. A film will be shown. The public is invited.

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Professor Dr. H.M. Van Praag, Professor of Biological Psychiatry, State University of Groningen, Holland, will lecture on "Serotonin and Dopamine Metabolism in Depression and Parkinson's Disease — Clinical Application of the Probenecid Technique," at the Jerusalem Mental Health Centre — Ezrat Nashim, Givat Shaul, on Tuesday, May 28, at 8.00 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by the H.U.-Hadassah Medical School, Israel Centre for Psychobiology and Jerusalem Mental Health Centre-Ezrat Nashim.

DEPARTURES

The Uruguayan Ambassador, Yamandu Laguarda, for home, on completing his tour of duty. Mr. Laguarda was on Tuesday referred to in error as the envoy of Paraguay.

A police sapper looks over part of the arms cache seized on Wednesday during the capture of three Jerusalem Arabs believed responsible for the recent wave of terror incidents in the Capital. (Weiss)

Ma'alot probe invites public to testify

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Ma'alot massacre inquiry commission announced yesterday that persons who wish to volunteer evidence should apply in writing to its secretary, Nadav Tuchner, at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

The three-man commission started work yesterday morning in the office of its chairman, Technion President Aluf (res.) Amos Horev. They announced that all meetings would be *in camera*, and no information would be given to the press.

But it was learned that at the first session the members laid down a plan of action and also started hearing evidence. They intend completing their work within two to three weeks, and will then report to the premier. They will also present recommendations, if they see fit.

Rush on guns in Haifa shops

HAIFA. — Anyone wanting to buy a revolver in Haifa will have to wait a few weeks to have his order filled. "Itim" reported yesterday that, since the Ma'alot tragedy, the gun shops have been emptied. Requests for gun permits have soared to some 250 a day, as compared with five to seven a day a few weeks ago, police say.

In other parts of the north, enlistments for the civil guard continue. Large groups of volunteers were sworn in Wednesday evening in Kiryat Yam, north of here, and in the Jezre'el Valley and Lower Galilee area, among them Mordechai Alon, chairman of the Upper Nazareth Local Council. *(Itim)*

Wants to adopt Ma'alot orphan

BEERSHEBA. — A father of five grown sons has applied to adopt five-year-old Miriam Cohen, whose family were murdered in Ma'alot, because "he has always wanted a daughter."

The man, Henri Ben-Haroush, 44, is a clerk in the local Magistrate's Court. *(Itim)*

Condition of Ma'alot victim still critical

HAIFA. — Yocheved Daral, a 17-year-old pupil wounded in the Ma'alot massacre, is still in critical condition at Rambam Hospital here. The other victims being cared for at the hospital are improving.

Memorial booklet for Kiryat Shmona

A 20-page booklet in memory of the victims of last month's Kiryat Shmona massacre will soon be distributed among residents of the Upper Galilee town.

Published by the Kiryat Shmona local council and the Government Information Centre, the booklet contains pictures and short biographies of the 18 men, women and children who perished at the hands of terrorists. It is prefaced by personal messages of sympathy from the President, Prime Minister and head of the town's local council.

On the final page is a short composition called "I Know What War Is" by Iris Shitrit, whose mother, sister and two brothers were among the victims of the massacre.

It was announced yesterday that two funds for the children of Kiryat Shmona and Ma'alot have been set up at the initiative of Gershon Rozow, chairman of Gibor Textile Enterprises, Ltd. The Kiryat Shmona fund of IL450,000 will provide scholarships for the town's pupils, while the Ma'alot fund of IL300,000 will go towards scholarships for high school students and the rehabilitation of the town's war disabled.

A new branch of the National Insurance Institute will soon be open to the residents of Kiryat Shmona six days a week. At present a sub-office is open just three days a week.

Druse query Bayada bombing

HAIFA. — Sheikh Nur Edin Halabi, a member of the Druse Religious Court, yesterday cabled the Defence Minister over the reported bombing by Israel planes of the Bayada area in Southern Lebanon.

The Sheikh noted that the sect's most sacred shrines are located in the area, and also expressed his dismay at the casualties reportedly caused.

At the same time, he issued a call to the Druse in the area to drive out the terrorists.

'Terror scare no excuse for school recess'

Jerusalem Post Staff

The release of pupils from some Jerusalem schools during Wednesday's terrorist scare was yesterday officially described as "unlawful."

This came in an emergency circular sent to all schools by the director of the Education Ministry's Jerusalem District, Gershon Bergson. He stressed that schools are forbidden to release pupils without Ministry permission.

Meanwhile, classes in the Capital proceeded yesterday as usual.

Against guards for 'rich schools'

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, yesterday criticized the hiring of school watchmen by a number of parents' committees. He said this would mean that schools in more affluent neighbourhoods would be protected and schools in poorer ones would not.

Mr. Eylon, speaking here at a meeting of the Union, said he was all for the establishment of a civil guard on a country-wide basis, but only under police supervision.

He noted that the inter-ministry committee on internal security, headed by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, had agreed on a IL40m. budget for immediate security measures, especially in the schools. Every local authority could go ahead and build security fences and install illumination around schools and other public buildings and be immediately reimbursed by the Education Ministry without having to go through "complicated red tape."

Soccer star 'undesirable' by mistake

TEL AVIV. — Immigration officials yesterday detained Australian World Cup soccer star Ray Richards for an hour at Ben-Gurion Airport on the erroneous suspicion that he was an undesirable alien.

Australian team manager John Barclay said that Richards was stopped at the airport after arriving for a two-game series with Israel teams, saying that a man of the same name and description was listed on their files as one not to be allowed into the country.

Richards was released and allowed to join his 22 teammates at a hotel after Football Association Secretary Joseph Dagan arrived and huddled with immigration officials.

"The whole thing was like a bad dream, and it was the last thing I expected to happen here," Richards said later. "I must have a twin brother somewhere, for I haven't the slightest idea why I should be banned."

The Australian team will play against the Israeli national XI at Bloomfield Stadium on Tuesday, and against Jerusalem Betar at the capital's YMCA Stadium on Thursday.

Shazar home from hospital

Former President Zalman Shazar was yesterday morning released from Hadassah Hospital, which he had entered three weeks ago with abdominal pains.

Shortly after admission hospital authorities had described Mr. Shazar's condition as "serious," but then his internal bleeding was brought under control and steady improvement began. Mr. Shazar is 84.

B'nai B'rith to work for national gov't

Members of the B'nai B'rith order in Israel will sign a petition for a national emergency government. This was decided during Wednesday's concluding session of the order's annual national convention, held at Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel.

The motion to lend the movement's weight to the national-government idea was carried by 67 votes against 42, after a lively debate. Opponents argued that the fraternal order should not intervene in political matters, but the majority maintained that concern for the good of the people, which was the order's chief aim, required such a step at this fateful moment.

46 officers graduate

Navy told to keep weather eye open

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The white-uniformed Navy was praised to the skies yesterday afternoon by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, for its Yom Kippur war performance. Rav-Aluf Gur was speaking at the passing out parade of a naval officers course at a naval base. A total of 46 graduates completed the two-year course, the Navy's 23rd.

The Navy, the Chief of Staff said, had correctly predicted the war, prepared its vessels, was spiritually ready and had correctly analysed the enemy's strength and tactics, and devised tactics and plays that had beaten him.

Now the task was to predict and analyse the enemy's conclusions from the war. "We know that the Russians are analysing the naval actions of the Yom Kippur War and we must take into account the modern weapons they may deliver to the enemy," Rav-Aluf Gur said. "You will have to find how to deal with them, and I hope that the Government and the Defence Forces will put the necessary craft and means at your disposal," he said.

O.C. Navy Aluf Binyamin Peled said a great effort was needed to apply the lessons learned from the war, so that if the Navy has to fight again, it would not use yesterday's methods.

The Chief of Staff pinned the officer's emblem on the shirts of the three outstanding graduates: Nir Ma'or, whose father, a commander, retired from the Navy yesterday; David Ruthenberg, grandson of the founder of the Electric Corporation, and Marcel Itzik.

The ceremony ended as always with the graduates throwing their caps into the air.

The audience was made up mainly of their relatives, but included foreign military attaches. The ceremony was held against a backdrop of various naval craft, anchored off the base.

Efrati, in or out?

Rabbi Yosef 'striving to maintain kashrut'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi has in effect retracted his statement, published yesterday, that the *kashrut* of meat ritually slaughtered in Israel could not be relied on. In a statement issued in Jerusalem yesterday, Rabbi Yosef said that "the *hechsher* (*kashrut* certificate) of imported meat now in the shops is still valid and the meat can be bought without qualm since it was prepared in accordance with the existing *kashrut* arrangements."

The brief statement added that Rabbi Shimon Efrati, head of the *Kashrut* Department in the Chief Rabbinate, "continues in his post," and that Rabbi Yosef would do his utmost to maintain proper *kashrut* arrangements so that the public should not suffer from any doubts.

A spokesman for Rabbi Yosef, asked to elaborated on "meat *now* in the shops," explained that "*now*" meant so long as Rabbi Efrati continued in office.

While Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren has declared that Rabbi Efrati had been retired, due to age, the same spokesman for Rabbi Yosef said that Rabbi Efrati was continuing, and was at his office in Hechal Shlomo yesterday.

The spokesman said that rabbis all over the country, Sephardi and Ashkenazi, were "organizing themselves" in support of Rabbi Yosef's call to dissolve the Chief Rabbinate Council. He said that one such meeting was held in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Rabbi Goren told a radio reporter yesterday that neither Rabbi Yosef, nor anyone else, was authorized to dissolve the Council. Any Council member was free to resign.

Rabbi Goren declared that the situation in the Rabbinate had become intolerable; and that if the situation continued the Rabbinate would be unable to function. He warned that the "overlapping" (of responsibilities) between the two Chief Rabbis was out of place and was liable to lead to strife and defamation of the name. (Leader, page 12).

ONE MAN WINS HIS BATTLE FOR BETTER BUSINESS PRACTICE

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Irving Lutzky, an immigrant from the U.S. who teaches at Hebrew University, will soon be receiving a letter of apology from the central Fiat garage in Jerusalem. When the letter arrives, it will mark the end of his battle against what he believes to be a very, very questionable business practice.

For the 30-year-old advocate who handled Mr. Lutzky's case (without charge), the victory is not an end, but a beginning. Jonathan Livny told *The Jerusalem Post* this week: "It's high time the Israeli public begins to realize that consumer protection is a meaningless concept as long as people shun the courts. Israelis must wake up to their rights as consumers."

This is the Lutzky legend: Late last year Professor Lutzky drove his new Fiat 125 into the garage for the 10,000 km. check-up. Being a methodical man, he first read through his owner's manual to see what the check-up entailed.

Prof. Lutzky handed the garage manager the keys to his car, along with a list of things to be done: "change motor oil and filter; change transmission and rear axle oil; change air filter; lubricate front wheel bearings and distributor; and clean spark plugs, ignition points and carburettor."

The professor also left his telephone number and requested that if anything else should be deemed necessary, the garage notify him prior to any additional work.

When he returned to pick his car up a few days later, Prof. Lutzky was handed a bill for IL345.70. The not-so-absent-minded professor, an avid reader, thought the itemized bill would make interesting reading. He was right.

Towards the end of the list he noticed, "New front brake discs, labour: IL36 and parts: IL62." There was also a parts charge of IL5 for an auxiliary brake part.

"I'll gladly pay for the work I ordered," said the professor. "But I won't pay the IL103 for what I did not order."

Nothing doing, was the reply of a garage attendant.

A bit shaken, Prof. Lutzky got into his car and started to drive out of the garage. But a quick-witted attendant threw a chain across the exit, preventing the car from leaving the premises.

Prof. Lutzky stalked over to the telephone and called lawyer Livny, who also happens to be parliamentary secretary to the Civil Rights Movement. "What should I do?" the professor asked.

Mr. Livny advised him: "Give a cheque for the entire amount, but endorse the receipt as "paid under protest."

Professor Livny wrote out a cheque for IL345.70 and drove home. The next morning, on the advice of his counsel, he went to his bank and stopped payment on the cheque.

The Fiat folks were not amused by this, and filed suit for the full amount. Eager for a fray, Mr. Livny promptly filed a defence and at the same time deposited a cheque for IL242.70 with the court.

Mitigate rather than litigate seemed to have been the garage's policy, and through their attorney they proposed a sort of settlement, to wit: Prof. Lutzky would only have to pay 50 per cent of the price of the parts and 70 per cent of the labour costs.

No, said Messrs Livny and Lutzky. Compromise is a fine gesture, but there is an important principle involved here, immensely more important than the IL103 charge.

When the matter was heard in Jerusalem Magistrates Court last week, Judge Moshe Shalgi carefully reviewed every detail of the suit and the defence brief.

"The judge found that the garage acted improperly in undertaking work the customer did not ask for," Mr. Livny told *The Post*. "And before the proceedings went any further, we announced that we were prepared to make some payment anyway — just to prove that what was at stake here was not the money, but the principle."

A compensatory payment of IL70 was agreed upon, but Mr. Livny insisted that his client be sent a letter of apology by the garage management for two breaches of courtesy: first, for doing the work and, second, for chaining the exit and preventing him from driving off. Judge Shalgi agreed to this solution.

"This business of helpless consumers being taken by garages is only the tip of the iceberg," says Mr. Livny, a graduate of Hebrew University Law School who aspires to become Israel's Ralph Nader. He also feels the present handling of sanitary violations by food companies is "scandalous. At present, allowing foreign bodies to contaminate food products is only a minor criminal infraction, and the large companies get off with a minimal fine of a few hundred or a few thousand pounds. This is not enough.

"Every discovery of a foreign body should be the subject of a heavy civil suit as well. The vendor must be responsible not only to the store but to the individual customer, even more."

In fact, Mr. Livny has recently filed such a civil claim against one of the country's leading food processors, on behalf of a client who found two cockroaches in a can of preserves.

"The only way to improve things," Mr. Livny insists, "is by educating people to press for their rights as consumers. When a merchant is aware that his customers know their rights, he will automatically become more cautious about the quality of the merchandise and services he supplies..."

As speculation mounts

Devaluation under new gov't not as certain as it might seem

By DR. MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The headway being made by Yitzhak Rabin in setting up a new government has been accompanied by a surge of speculation about an impending devaluation. But it is questionable whether devaluation is either likely or all that desirable.

As a result of the devaluation rumours, Natad and black dollar rates have advanced. Import orders are being speeded up, and prepaid as far as possible, while collection of export proceeds is being delayed, as well as transfers from abroad. This has produced a worsened balance-of-payments position, while demand for local credits is mounting in spite of the exorbitant financing costs, which may easily exceed two per cent monthly.

These are, of course, partly the inevitable effects of our snowballing inflation. But they are now being reinforced by the consideration that steps (devaluation) which could not be carried out by a lame-duck government might be expected from a new one, with a longer lease of life. Furthermore, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's staunch opposition to devaluation is all too well known; but what if he does not remain at the helm? In particular, if an understanding is reached reducing defence tension for the time being, will not the Government use the opportunity to put Israel's economic house in better order?

Nevertheless, this reasoning is not qute conclusive. Eminent economists have indeed suggested that a devaluation will have to be resorted to within a year or so. Some even consider it a precondition for economic recovery. But then, economic textbooks do not take full account of the complexities faced by Israel's coalition governments.

Rabin will in particular have to move very cautiously in order to keep his slim majority, and while he may manage to hold it together on matters of foreign policy or welfare, he will be hard put to avoid rebellion in matters which may impinge upon sectional interests of his coalition partners, be they trade unions or the professional middle classes. It would be little short of a miracle if he ventured to start economic reforming in earnest.

From the practical, short-term angle, however, he is likely to shun devaluation no less than has Mr. Sapir. One has to bear in mind that for import purposes, the rate of exchange of Israel's currency is anyway IL5.25 per dollar, and that for exports over IL5.50. To produce tangible results the (official) rate of exchange would have to be raised to at least IL6 per dollar, i.e. by over 40 per cent.

But even such a whopping rise in the exchange rate might prove of little avail for reducing the country's import bill as long as private consumption is protected by the c.o.l. allowance, unemployment is prevented by programmes financed out of the Government deficit, and investments are boosted by incentives and defence orders irrespective of labour shortage and other bottlenecks — all of which are currently taken for granted.

Neither is devaluation likely to increase Israel's export proceeds substantially in these circumstances. Its major beneficiaries are likely to be not the exporting industries, but rather the recipients of transfers from abroad (German restituees, foreign investors, and the National Funds.) And its immediate result is likely to be massive conversion of foreign currency, and yet more local spending, increasing the inflationary pressure instead of reducing it.

In order to fend off these unwelcome effects, and to produce positive results, the devaluation must be accompanied by a whole set of other measures (cuts in subsidies and other government spending, tax and wage reform, credit squeeze), which would let the economy — and the people — adjust themselves to the new, more realistic, exchange rate in spite of the inconveniences and the hardships involved. However, such a process needs time and cannot be popular. It can work only by resort to market forces, which is anathema to most of the public in this country. Rabin will probably think twice before adopting such a course.

There is no gainsaying that something will have to be done before long in order to aid exports, and in particular to arrest the rapid rise in imports. But this could be done even without full-scale devaluation: by increasing the export incentives and by upping the flat import levy (from its current 25 per cent.)

As a matter of fact, such a course has been suggested by the Likud opposition; and there is no reason why it should not be adopted by the Government.

Perhaps a still better device would be to follow Italy's example and re-introduce the import deposits, which were hastily scrapped after the war in an attempt to speed up clearing goods piled up in the ports. The deposits would not only increase the cost of imported commodities, just like added tariffs, they could also absorb substantial amounts of purchasing power — much better than a tariff hike would — and thus reinforce the credit squeeze which the Bank of Israel is vainly attempting to maintain. To be sure, the effects of such a measure would necessarily be limited and temporary. But one may doubt whether more can be expected for the time being.

Zim appoints general manager

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim board yesterday approved the appointment of Yehuda Rotem, as general manager and member of the board in succession to the late Moshe Kashti. He will take up his post shortly. Rotem, 54, a veteran seaman, has in the past managed two Zim affiliated shipping companies. He is now serving as manager of the Kibbutz Meuhad's economic enterprises.

Ex-Israeli Mirages for Nato exercises

LONDON (JTA). — The Mirage-5s, originally bought for Israel but never delivered and later bought back from Israel, will now be taking part in the forthcoming Nato air exercises, Nato sources reported yesterday.

France had withdrawn its military cooperation with Nato some years ago but this year for the first time a French air contingent will take part in the Nato air exercises beginning next week.

Fares down in Hebron

HEBRON. — Bus fares have been cut here. The local bus service, after deciding that the tariff authorized it by the Military Government was too high, has cut the fare on its Jerusalem-Hebron line to IL1.50 from the IL2 permitted.

Competition with local sherut taxis is believed to have played a role. *(Itim)*

LUBA and BORIS SELTZER, Holon — RUTH and MARIO WEINGART, Netanya

are happy to announce that the marriage of their children

Janya and Uri

took place privately in Holon on Wednesday, May 22, 1974.

With deep sorrow I announce the death of my beloved husband

MOSHE RASHISH

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. today at Beit Holim Beilinson, Petah Tikva.

CHAWA RASHISH

On the First Anniversary of the passing of

LILIAN ENGLERT ז"ל

We shall be paying our respects at the Tombstone at the Haifa Cemetery, Kfar Samir, on Tuesday, May 28, 1974, at 3 p.m.

The Englert Family and the British Zionist Federation

The Memorial Stone (מצבה) in Loving Memory of

SYLVIA STERN ז"ל

Wife of Levi Stern of London, daughter of Lilly Albert, mother of Elliot and Jennifer, will be consecrated at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Wednesday, May 29, 1974 at 4.30 p.m. Transport will be available from Tirat Bat-Sheva Hotel at 4.00 p.m. sharp.

On Saturday, May 25, 1974 at 9.15 p.m., we will convene in memory of our Son and Haver

REUVEN WECHSLER

KIBBUTZ HAZOREA
THE FAMILY

I announce with deep sorrow the untimely passing in Florence (Italy) last week of

TRUDIE GOTH

International friend of the National Arts of Israel

LEONARD SCHACH

Toddlers wearing Shavuot green today

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first signs of Shavuot — kindergarten children crowned with floral wreaths, housewives shopping for dairy products and synagogues decorated with plants — will be visible today as preparations are made for the festival which begins on Sunday evening.

One of the three major pilgrimage festivals, Shavuot falls seven weeks and one day after the beginning of Passover. It marks the anniversary of the giving of the Tora, the birth and death of King David and the Festival of the First Fruits and of the Harvest.

Thousands of people are expected to pray and study all night at the Western Wall and in synagogues throughout the country, in keeping with the custom of *"tikun lail Tora."* They will be joined at dawn on Monday morning by pilgrims who will have kept vigil on King David's Tomb on Mt. Zion.

Many kibbutzim will celebrate the festival with first-fruit pageants.

Supermarkets are expected to be jammed today and Sunday with shoppers for milk and cheese products. The popular explanation for the custom of eating dairy meals on the morning of Shavuot is that the Children of Israel had no time to prepare meat on the day of the Giving of the Law.

While their mothers are busy in the kitchen, the nation's schoolchildren will on Sunday begin a three-day holiday.

There will be extra buses and longer trains in anticipation of holiday travellers. The beaches and picnic areas are expected to be full.

For the energetic, the Society for the Protection of Nature is sponsoring free walking tours in Jerusalem. On Monday, a group will meet at 2 p.m. near the Jaffa Gate and set off for a tour of the Upper City. At 3, another group will assemble at the entrance to the Sanhedria Cemetery for a walk through the burial caves of northern Jerusalem. A botanic tour will sprout from Kiar Wingate on Tuesday afternoon at 3.30.

The National Tennis Championship will be held in Haifa, and the National Youth Tennis Championship in Tivon, from tomorrow to Monday.

A model glider contest is to be held at the National University stadium in Jerusalem on Sunday morning from 8-11.30. The event, sponsored by the Municipality's education department, is named in memory of Avihai Bergson, who directed a glider hobby course for the municipality, and who was killed in the Yom Kippur War.

There are not as many tourists this year as compared with the same period in 1973, according to a Tourism Ministry spokesman. Hotels are not full, he said, because there are 10 per cent more rooms now than last year, and because of high prices and security worries.

Court order delays army's start on Silwan bridge

Army engineers waiting near Gethsemane yesterday for the go-ahead to put a Bailey bridge over an open section of the Silwan Road. Construction was delayed by a court order. (Israel)

Litigation over the reopening of the Silwan road south of the Old City of Jerusalem reached a new peak yesterday when two temporary injunctions were issued to prevent an army engineering unit from erecting a Bailey bridge over a damaged section of the road.

The injunctions — issued by the High Court of Justice and the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court — forbid the Jerusalem Municipality and the Ministers of Defence, Police and Labour from reopening the road, or erecting a Bailey bridge over it, until the issue is settled in the High Court today.

The road has been closed to traffic since the beginning of May, when a Jewish religious group undermined it by digging up old Jewish graves which the Jordanian occupation authorities had covered up in building the road some years ago.

On May 15, Arab notables from Silwan and Abu Tor obtained an order *nisi* from the High Court calling on the Jerusalem Municipality to show cause within 30 days why it should not repair the road.

A second court order was obtained a week later by the Sephardi Council in Jerusalem, calling on the Municipality to show why it should not keep the road closed so that it can be excavated for more old graves.

Meanwhile, buses to Silwan must now make a seven-kilometre detour through Abu Tor.

Yesterday's developments started when soldiers from an engineering unit turned up with equipment for a Bailey bridge. As they waited for orders to proceed, youths from the city's orthodox quarters streamed to the site and pleaded with them not to put up the bridge.

Meanwhile, the Cemeteries Council applied for an injunction from the Jerusalem Magistrate, arguing that the bridge would desecrate part of the ancient Jewish cemetery. Judge Dan Bein granted the injunction, setting May 30 as the date for the hearing.

Armed with the injunction, Council representatives rushed to the State Attorney's office to stop construction of the bridge, but were told that the court order was directed at the Municipality, not the army.

This time the Sephardi Council acted and, by the afternoon, obtained an injunction from the High Court directed at the Ministers of Defence, Police and Labour, which effectively prevented work on the bridge from starting.

Justice Yitzhak Kahan said the High Court would hear the arguments this morning, setting a 12 noon deadline for the injunction.

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Goren against ban on women's national service

RAMAT GAN. — Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said yesterday that he opposes the two-year-old halachic ruling that prohibits girls from entering national service.

Speaking before a seminar on national service at Bar-Ilan University, Rabbi Goren said he regretted the fact that many rabbis had signed the ruling, and added that serving voluntarily at this time in non-military functions is a greater *mitzva* than joining the army.

"It is worth while because of the voluntary spirit it evokes, as well as the good example it gives of the behaviour of religious youth," he said.

Prof. Menahem Kaddari, rector of the University, announced at the seminar that women who have not completed military or voluntary national service will not be admitted into the departments of education, psychology or social work. *(Itim)*

Tax-free fringe benefits to end

The Government is determined to implement its decision to remove the income tax exemption from the professional literature and car allowance — even if the professionals' organizations carry out their threat to strike — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday.

Speaking to a delegation from the Histadrut Central Committee, Mr. Sapir said income tax on the literature allowance would be gradually imposed over a two-year period, and the car allowance over a period of four years.

The Government's step is part of a programme to eliminate what it claims are distortions in the existing income tax setup.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL250,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 247551 and 644911 and without flash draw IL150,000.

No. 402098 won IL50,000, Nos. 311557 and 417201 won IL12,500, Nos. 003236, 036120 099434 and 648145 won IL6,250.

Tickets ending in "8" won IL6 and without flash draw IL4.

Pupils demand Gadna trips back

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — More than 1,500 local high-school pupils yesterday demanded that Gadna excursions be renewed — "to show everyone we are not afraid." They also asked to be allowed to take part in the new civil guard.

The demands were among the resolutions passed at a meeting of all Rishon's high school pupils in honour of the memory of the Ma'alot dead. The pupils asked to take part in current security measures, and decided to invite their contemporaries in Ma'alot, Safad and border settlements to come down for a visit.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Mayor Hanania Glikstein, the town's Chief Rabbi, Yehuda Volpa, and Akiva Nof, MK.

Helping Shlomi help itself

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHLOMI. — A first group of 10 volunteers from the "Our Israel" (Yisrael Shelanu) protest group has begun work helping this backward West Galilee border township get on its feet.

The volunteers, who include managers, students, a nurse and a kindergarten expert, will stay for a week, and will then be replaced by other members of the movement. They are using their annual leave time for the project.

One volunteer, a manager busy painting the swings on a somewhat neglected playground, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the "Our Israel" movement had arisen as a result of the shortcomings of the Yom Kippur War. "Now we feel it's time to do something and not just talk." They had chosen Shlomi because the township was usually forgotten and looked at as off the map, and because they felt that, with the present terrorist activity from the Lebanon, the border settlement needed encouragement.

He stressed, however, that the group's purpose was to lay a groundwork for social and self-help activities, which the residents themselves would have to carry on. "We are ready to come here for as long as is needed to lay the foundations, but they're the ones who live here and will finally have to look after themselves."

The volunteers had also been careful to coordinate their work with the Local Council to avoid taking away jobs from the residents. Other volunteers were making contact with neighbouring kibbutzim in order to mobilise their help for Shlomi, organising the kindergartens, helping to clean up the schools and generally making themselves useful and encouraging the residents to help themselves.

Council chairman David Hazan said the volunteers were "most welcome," and had indeed given the residents the feeling that they were not forgotten. For the time being he was putting them up in the hut which houses the local Labour Party branch, the only available space.

However, he stressed that no volunteers could solve Shlomi's pressing problems of growth and a reinforced economy, only the Government could achieve this.

Kupat Holim head wants Poriya hospital shut

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Health "should make up its mind to cut its losses" and close down the Poriya general hospital near Tiberias. This was stated yesterday by Dr. Haim Doron, medical director of Kupat Holim, at a meeting of the organization's Supervisory Committee to discuss future hospital plans.

Declaring that Poriya was a bottomless hole, Dr. Doron said no amount of money could turn it into a first class general hospital. He suggested converting it to a special hospital, perhaps for geriatric or chronic cases, and using the money the Government was now "throwing away" on it to strengthen other general hospitals in the north, especially Safad and Nahariya (both Government hospitals) and Afula General Hospital (which belongs to Kupat Holim).

Discussing building plans, Dr. Doron noted that the 400-bed Carmel Hospital (Kupat Holim) would be opened in 1976, and that work was going ahead on the 600-bed Tel Gibborim facility near Tel Aviv, which will be a joint Government-Kupat Holim hospital. Kupat Holim also wanted to form a partnership with the Misgav Ladach Government Hospital, yet to rise, in southern Jerusalem.

As for other beds, Kupat Holim plans to build 340 in the Petah Tikva area, mainly at the Sharon Hospital, and to add another 600 beds to the Soroka General Hospital in Beersheba.

At present, Kupat Holim has some 3,160 beds in general hospitals. It costs IL190 to keep one patient for one day at these hospitals, which are staffed by 500 doctors — meaning one doctor for each six patients.

Mr. Aharon Becker, chairman of the Supervisory Committee, said a special committee would be set up to deal with medical problems in Arab villages. Two Arab members of the Committee demanded better representation on its various subcommittees; there are 43,000 Arabs receiving Kupat Holim services.

From Gur to Hazor via Bnei Brak

BNEI BRAK. — Hundreds of Gur *hassidim* and their families are to establish their own quarter in the Galilee development town of Hazor, Mayor Yitzhak Meir of Bnei Brak announced yesterday.

He added that *hassidim* from his town and from Jerusalem have already started building the quarter, which will eventually boast factories, schools and synagogues. *(Itim)*

Lady crusaders sail home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The two French sisters who rode horse-back from France to Israel in the path of the Crusaders, yesterday ended a five-week tour of the country.

The adventures of the two — Evelyn and Corinne Coquet — in Israel included the temporary disappearance of their horses. It had taken a large group of policemen a whole night to find the mounts.

The sisters left with their horses aboard the roll-on-roll-off ship Iris, after the horses had had their horseshoes taken off so that they would not slip on the ship's steel deck. The animals, who did not like the idea of boarding the ship, had to be driven aboard inside a trailer.

The two girls said they were very pleased with their visit here, and promised they would start organizing a large pilgrimage on horseback from France in 1975. But their host in Israel, Gad Greiver of the Patra travel agency, voiced strong criticism of the Tourism Ministry and the Israel Horse-Riding Association who, he alleged, had reneged at the last minute on special tours and events he said they had promised the two sisters.

Builders accused of overcharging, dragging

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz last night lashed out at building contractors who, he charged, were forcing people to seek Government housing by pushing flat prices to unreasonably high levels.

Speaking to members of the Emergency Economic Advisory Council here, Rabinowitz declared: "Housing prices on the private market have soared by 105 per cent between 1970 and 1974, while construction costs rose by only 49 per cent in the same period. This is a very, very serious matter.

"Many families who would normally buy on the private market are now applying for publicly assisted housing, adding to the burden already being borne by the Housing Ministry as it tackles the problems of immigrants, young married couples, families re-located from sub-standard housing and other 'special' cases that must receive preference."

Rabinowitz also criticised builders for their slow pace. An averaged size apartment building should be up and ready for occupancy within a year of the groundbreaking, he said. This was certainly not the case, and the lag often means an increase of as much as 25 per cent in the cost of the flat as price rises occur before completion.

"Builders are as quick as lightning at putting up skeletons of buildings," he asserted. "But their agility ends there, and months and months pass before the superstructure is clothed and the building finished."

He predicted that between 52,000 and 55,000 residence units would be completed this year, similar to the number completed in 1973.

David Stern, chairman of the Building Contractors Association, urged that the Government have a Ministry of Construction. He said lack of coordination and overlapping of authority has created a "chaotic" situation that is hampering the development of the country's building potential.

Comptroller says:

Rabinowitz team enabled builders to profiteer

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv municipal comptroller on Wednesday took the former Alignment administration to task for failing to draw up contracts with builders who were given construction jobs by the city, and thus enabling them to overcharge. The administration was headed by Yehoshua Rabinowitz, now Housing Minister.

The comptroller's report came in the wake of Likud charges that price hikes by contractors of four housing projects for young couples were caused by irregularities of the previous administration.

The comptroller notes that the failure to document the terms of the agreement with the builder in contract form constitutes a breach of proper administrative practices. The comptroller further notes that all municipal officials who dealt with the young couples projects in question did so in addition to other tasks, a fact which contributed to various hitches.

Hotel building to be slowed

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday announced that his Ministry intends to slow down new hotel construction in view of lagging tourist figures and the situation in the building trade. He said this would be done by applying stricter investment requirements to holders of hotel building permits who have not yet begun construction.

He added that such permits covered a total of 11,000 hotel rooms from grade three up.

From now on, investors embarking on construction will have to show that they have put up half the estimated cost into the building (formerly the requirement was 33 per cent) before the Ministry's company for the development of tourist enterprises releases any part of the Government's loans or grants allocated to the specific project.

Thereupon the Government funds will be released in proportion to the progress of construction.

Holders of permits for construction of apartment hotels will have to put up 75 per cent of the estimated cost before they are eligible for state aid. Mr. Kol explained that this was because builders of such hotels sold at least part of apartments in the course of construction and therefore had additional funds available.

The Minister pointed out that he had managed to exclude hotels from the law freezing construction of all public buildings, although no new permits have been issued for more than a year. He admitted that more recently, he had begun to have doubts about the advisability of going ahead with the completion of the 3,000 hotel rooms now under construction, but ultimately decided not to change the Ministry's policy in this respect. Mr. Kol stressed that hotels were a vital sector of the tourist industry, a major source of the Treasury's foreign currency revenue, and that he had full confidence in its rapid recovery.

The Minister and his Director-General, Hanoch Givton, said that of the 8,000 tourist-class hotel rooms under construction, some 2,500 would be completed this year, bringing the total to 22,500 rooms.

Meanwhile, tourism figures, which in February drew level with those for the same month last year, began to drop again in the latter part of April as result of the intensification of terrorist activity and the fighting in the north. At present, the figures are running nine per cent behind those of the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Givton emphasized, however, that the security situation was only partly responsible for the drop. Europe's popular tourist centres were even harder hit as a result of the significant decrease in the number of Americans going abroad, higher airline fares, and the worldwide increase in the cost of ground services.

While Israel was not unaffected by Europe's tourism problems, since many Americans who came here did so on package tours which included a stay in Europe, its position remained better because of its special character. This included the continuing flow of visitors from Jewish communities other than the U.S., and the fact that Christian tourism — which today constitutes 40 per cent of the total — has not diminished.

Mr. Kol also outlined the Ministry's activities with regard to the Holy Year proclaimed by the Vatican for 1975, and aimed at attracting to Jerusalem a part of the estimated 15 million Catholic pilgrims expected to visit Rome.

A doctor for every 450 citizens

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has the world's highest proportion of doctors per head of population — 1:450 — Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Knesset Public Services Committee this week.

Commenting on the shortage of hospital beds, Shemtov said that, with continuing hospital construction, about 760 new beds annually will be added over the next few years. There are now 3.33 hospital beds for every 1,000 head of population, he said. He claimed that better organization in hospitals has led to speedier discharge of patients.

The process of phasing out private mental hospitals will be accelerated with the completion in two years of mental health centres in Tirat Hacarmel and Beersheba, the Minister said. Similar large centres are planned for Nazareth and Hadera, he added. The Tirat Hacarmel centre will have a school for mental health nurses attached to it.

Immigration from the Soviet Union has helped alleviate the shortage of nurses, the Minister said. (See next column.)

Immigrant nurses receive diplomas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Registered Nurse diplomas were this week awarded to 15 recent immigrants from Eastern Europe who in their home countries had been *Feldschers*, a type of paramedical practitioner, somewhere between a nurse and a doctor, which is not recognized here.

The 12 men and three women, all between the ages of 30 and 50, hailed from Bokhara, Georgia, Central Russia and Rumania. They received their diplomas at the Henrietta Szold-Hadassah School of Nursing in Jerusalem, after attending a five-month course, working in hospitals mornings and attending lectures in the afternoon. Their studies were paid for by the Absorption Ministry.

Among the graduates was Ruth Alexandrovich-Averbuch, who was a Prisoner-of-Zion in Russia before coming here three years ago.

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION this week declined by IL4,952,750, to stand at IL2,914m., the Bank of Israel spokesman announced yesterday. Of this amount, IL195m. was backed by gold, and IL2,719m. by foreign currency reserves.

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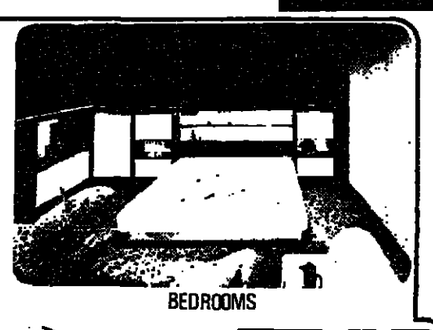
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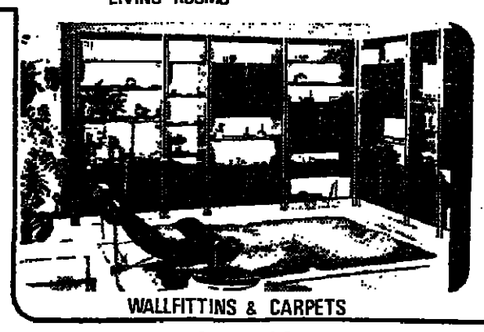
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Canada stops nuclear aid shipments to India

Canadian External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp said yesterday his government was suspending all nuclear equipment and material shipments to India and ending all exchanges on nuclear technology.

Canada is also reviewing future relations between the two countries and may stop shipments of other industrial commodities, Mr. Sharp told a news conference following a lengthy Cabinet meeting. But there will be no interruption of food and agricultural aid to India.

The steps are in response to the nuclear device detonated by India last Saturday, following 18 years of close cooperation with Canada on nuclear power and research programmes.

Although Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has said India's intentions in conducting the nuclear explosion last week were purely peaceful, other nations continued to protest yesterday. Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Agha Shahi made a special trip to Geneva to state his case against India before the ongoing disarmament conference, and Japan's lower house unanimously called for a stern protest to India.

Mr. Shahi told the 25-nation Geneva conference that India, by its underground nuclear explosion, had opened the road to more nuclear powers, especially Israel and South Africa. "The barrier to nuclear proliferation ... has been demolished," he said.

Mr. Shahi also said Canada was wrong in giving India a 40-megawatt nuclear reactor, "which was not subject to any effective inspection." He said Pakistan had complained to Canada about this in 1964 and had been told the reactor would be used solely for peaceful purposes.

Mrs. Gandhi reiterated her country's intentions yesterday in a letter to Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The resolution passed in Japan said the test would intensify a nuclear tests race and in turn risk destroying mankind. Japan is the only country to have had atomic bombs used against it.

Back in Geneva, the U.S. yesterday dismissed Swedish claims that the U.S. was developing miniature nuclear weapons that could be handled and used like small conventional arms. It said America for years has possessed tactical nuclear weapons of low explosive yields, but that they have never been considered interchangeable with conventional weapons.

The U.S. representative to the disarmament conference said Swedish questions about "mini-nukes" gave a false impression of "a radically new and futuristic family of weapons." *(Reuter, UPI)*

CAUTION— MAN-EATING LAVATORIES

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — The Swedish Electrolux Company, world famous for its vacuum cleaners, is looking into the embarrassing problem of its vacuum toilets which sometimes have too much suction.

It seems that the toilets are so powerful that, if a sitter is not quick or careful enough, part of his or her body can get stuck in the drain.

The investigation was touched off when five-year-old Kristina Hasslefalk of Upsala recently became stuck in such a toilet. Her mother had to pull Kristina out forcibly. With Kristina came also the seat, which then had to be pulled off the girl.

Stellan Horwitz, export manager for Vacuum Systems, a subsidiary of Electrolux, said two such mishaps have been reported, adding that the company would make modifications so no more people would get stuck.

'Peace zone' urged

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union and Bangladesh called yesterday for turning the Indian Ocean into "a zone of peace." The statement appeared in a joint communique following the five-day visit of Bangladesh Foreign Minister Kamal Hossain, who left Moscow on Wednesday.

There was no elaboration. The Soviet Union maintains warships in the Indian Ocean and has been highly critical of American moves into the area, especially of U.S. plans to expand naval facilities on the British-owned island of Diego Garcia.

Appeal to help jailed Soviet Jewish couple

By COLIN SHINDLER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON. — At the beginning of April Yuri and Anna Berkovsky were arrested in their apartment in the Siberian town of Novosibirsk. Since then no word has been heard from them. A few hours after their arrest the police handed their five-year-old daughter over to her grandmother. The charge against the Berkovskys appears to be one of speculation.

They had taken some of their belongings down to the open market in Novosibirsk to obtain ready cash in order to buy food. (Both husband and wife have been unemployed for some time.) All deals are conducted with a fixed rate, and such markets are a normal feature of Soviet life.

On this occasion, however, the Berkovskys were watched closely and even photographed. Shortly afterwards a search took place of their apartment, and they were detained.

In order to create the impression that the arrest was a purely "criminal" case and not repressive action against leading activists in Novosibirsk, the protocol of the search stated that the possession of Hebrew literature found in their flat was "within the framework of Soviet law."

A few days before the incident occurred, Yuri Berkovsky had been warned by the KGB that he should cease his activities against "the interests of the state," otherwise measures would be taken against him.

Ever since applying, in June 1972, Berkovsky had been extremely active in the Jewish emigration movement in Siberia. He had been one of the foremost Hebrew teachers in Novosibirsk; and he had helped many Jews to leave for Israel from that city, from Tomsk and from many other places in Siberia. Professionally, he had lectured for a considerable time at the Novosibirsk Institute of Radio Technology.

Last week a long appeal on behalf of the Berkovskys came from 30 Jews in Moscow and Odessa. They warned that Jewish communities which were slow to help the Berkovskys were opening the way to further repressions under the guise of "criminal offences." Two cases they cited were those of Alexander Feldman and Nikolai Yavor.

Feldman was charged with malicious hooliganism in Kiev for allegedly attacking a woman carrying a cake. The court proceedings showed this was clearly a frame-up, but he got three and a half years in jail for it.

Yavor got one year in Leningrad, also on a hooliganism charge. He had been accused of urinating in a children's playground. Again the prosecutor's case was torn to shreds. It was pointed out that, if this incident had occurred, Yavor would have to have had a bladder of absolutely gigantic proportions. One person in the courtroom was thrown out for indicating the size by spreading his arms wide.

Feldman and Yavor has one thing in common, the appeal states — they were both activists in the struggle to emigrate. They were convicted for non-existant crimes by courts that were deliberately blind to the truth.

('Ordeal of Yaakov Khantsis," Magazine, page 16)

Priest held as suspected kidnapper

PALERMO, Sicily (Reuter). — A Sicilian parish priest was arrested yesterday in connection with the kidnapping in 1972 of wealthy Palermo industrialist Luciano Cassina.

Don Agostino Coppola, 38, was charged with aiding and abetting the kidnapping.

Cassina was captured by four armed men on August 16, 1972 and released on February 7, 1973, after 176 days in captivity. It is generally believed that his release cost his family more than IL6m.

FIRE — AND NO WATER — Firemen in Chelsea, Mass., watch a blazing factory on Wednesday night while waiting for more hose and better water pressure. The fire spread to other buildings. (AP radiophoto)

SOVIET HELICOPTER ISSUE

China warned on use of border waterways

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday threatened to cut off normal Chinese use of Siberian inland waterways unless Peking "returns to the positions of respect" of Soviet rights.

The warning, delivered by the Soviet Foreign Ministry to Chinese Charge d'Affaires Ma Le and reported by the Tass news agency, appeared directly related to the continued Chinese detention of a Soviet helicopter and its three-man crew.

The statement said the Soviet "always receive favourably" Chinese requests to use Soviet inland waterways connecting the Amur and Ussuri Rivers near Khabarovsk when the Kazakevichev stream, which runs along the border, gets too shallow for ships in the summer.

It said "the Soviet side sees no difficulties in the solution of the passage of Chinese vessels... if the Chinese side returns to the positions of respect of the Soviet sovereign rights and territorial integrity the Soviet Union."

The statement made no direct ference to the March 14 helicop incident. The Russians say it stra across the border while on a me cal mercy mission. The Chinese it was spying.

The incident has been widely p licized in the Soviet press. weeks ago the Foreign Minis warned the Chinese Ambassad who has since been called home consultations, that Peking wo face the "inevitable consequenc if the helicopter and crew were returned immediately.

Last week the Soviet Union al the International Red Cross to tervene and find out the fate the men.

The area of the Amur and Us Rivers, mentioned in the stateme is the site of Sino-Soviet ar clashes some five years ago.

Since relations between the Communist powers became strai more than a decade ago, China pressed the Soviet Union to ackn ledge that the 19th century trea under which China ceded territ to Czarist Russia were unequ Failure to come to agreement on question led to a worsening of lations, culminating in the border clashes.

Stalin extolled in Soviet book published soon after 'Gulag'

MOSCOW (UPI). — A new Soviet novel extols the "greatness" and "immortality" of Josef Stalin, the most lavish praise heaped on the late dictator here in recent years.

The novel, "War," by Ivan Stadnyuk, follows by a few months publication abroad of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's book on Stalinist prison camp terrors, "The Gulag Archipelago."

There was no indication whether the appearance of the Stadnyuk book was intended to counter the portrait of Stalin given by Solzhenitsyn, who was exiled two months after his book came out.

The current Soviet leaders long ago backed away from the criticism of Stalin launched by the late Premier Nikita Khrushchev. They have partially rehabilitated Stalin and banned publication of any books that criticize him.

Excerpts of Stadnyuk's novel appeared in the May issue of the magazine "Molodya Gvardia."

The book seeks to excuse Stalin from blame for the country's lack of military preparedness at the outset of World War II.

Stadnyuk pictures Stalin thinking to himself that his military leaders failed him and asking, "How could it happen?" Then it portrays him assuming immediate control.

(The memoirs of several Soviet generals and other histories have shown Stalin was caught off guard by the Nazi invasion, went into a deep depression that lasted for two weeks, and made decisions that caused heavy losses to the Red Army.)

Stadnyuk also gives a sympathetic explanation of the Stalin personality cult, having the dictator say "in jest" to a foreign visitor: "What can I do? Workers and peasants have such a nature: if they love they love infinitely. If they hate they go to the barricades... It is necessary to have this moustached man show them a correct path if a necessity to go to the barricades arises."

Angry reaction to Ex-Im Bank loan of $180m. to USSR

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Congressional and Jewish leaders are reacting angrily to the Administration's decision to grant a U.S. Export-Import Bank loan of $180m. to the Soviet Union.

The loan, at a low six per cent interest, is the largest credit ever extended to the Soviet Union by the U.S. It is intended to help finance construction of ammonia fertilizer plants, chemical storage facilities and a 1,200 mile pipeline in the Soviet Union.

Arrangements for the huge loan were worked out largely by Dr. Armand Hammer, whose Occidental Petroleum Corporation will import the fertilizers produced in the Soviet Union, in exchange for American chemical goods.

The loan, which had been under consideration for several months, was approved on Tuesday by the Bank's Board of Directors only after President Nixon personally intervened to push for the positive decision. The delay had been due to strong Congressional opposition.

That opposition has stemmed from many quarters in Congress dissatisfied with the Administration's quick movement toward detente with the Soviet Union. Among the opponents have been congressmen who support American Jewish demands that any further trade concessions to the Russians be linked to a liberalization of Soviet emigration policy.

The battle in Congress has been complicated, centring on two pieces of legislation in both houses. One, the Trade Reform Act of 1973, potentially includes the language of the amendment, introduced by Senator Henry Jackson, which would deny the Administration the authority to grant most-favoured-nation treatment, and preferential credit such as that approved this week, until Soviet emigration policy is opened up. That measure has passed in the House, in a version sponsored principally by Congressmen Wilbur Mills and Charles Vanik, and is now pending before the Senate Finance Committee.

The second bill is the Administration's request to extend the charter of the Export-Import Bank for another four years and expand its lending authority from 20 billion dollars to 30 billion. That bill is being held up in both Houses by opponents of the trade concessions to the Soviet Union.

In the House, Representatives Les Aspin, John Dent and Richard Ichord lead the opposition. Although all three are Democrats, Aspin is a liberal who feels the trade arrangements are lopsided in favour of the Russians, and others are more traditional, labour-backed conservative opponents of detente.

The chief Senate opponent, in addition to Senator Jackson, is Senator Richard Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania. He has supported the Jackson stance on human rights grounds, but also has strong coal interests in his state opposed to American natural gas development in the Soviet Union. He is calling for a Congressional finding of national interest in any major loan before approval. Senator Adlai Stevenson, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on International Finance, has also expressed reservations about the bill.

The opposition was bolstered earlier this month with the filing of a resolution in the House, signed by 225 members, calling for a moratorium on credits to the Russians until the Senate acts on the Trade Bill, including the Jackson amendment. That resolution is not legally binding, but reflects Congressional sentiment.

It was against this Congressional hostility that the President moved to have the mammoth loan approved. Several Export-Import Bank and other Administration officials had urged further delay, so as not to endanger the Bank Renewal Bill.

But it appears that the bill may indeed be endangered further now, in view of early Congressional reaction to the announcement of the loan's approval. The offices of Senators Jackson and Schweicker and Congressmen Aspin, Ichord and Dent all indicate that they are outraged, in the words of one, at the President's defiance of the clear will of Congress. They say they will fight to prevent any further such credits without explicit Congressional review.

They are being supported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, representing the major American Jewish organizations. June Rogul, Washington representative of the Conference, said the Presidential action "follows the approach of the Administration, that if we give the Russians something first they may then give something back on emigration." This carrot-and-stick line, in the Conference's view, "flies in the face" of the current emigration situation and the Congressional concern over it.

The National Conference reports that Soviet Jewish emigration has been cut back one-third below last year's level, and that this month may show the lowest emigration of any month in the last two and one-half years. If the rate for the first three weeks of May is maintained for the last week, only some 1,200 Jews may be permitted to leave, compared with the 1973 average monthly rate of 2,800.

Concern for the Soviet Jewish plight gives a human rights rationale to Congress' fight against the loan deal. Protectionist interests, ideological anti-Soviet sentiment and doubts about the wisdom of the rush toward detente have accumulated to yield strong Congressional resistance to the Administration's credit move. Congressional spokesmen and the Jewish leaders are predicting a showdown next month, since the Bank's present charter expires on June 30. The approved loan cannot be scuttled, but follow-up credits, needed by the Russians, can still be held up.

Saigon offensiv meets resistanc

SAIGON (UPI). — Governm forces ran into fierce Communist sistance in the first day of counter-offensive ordered by Pr dent Nguyen Van Thieu to re ture three lost positions north Saigon.

Military sources said two arm ed cars were destroyed by C munist mines and two men w killed near Ben Cat district to 40 kms. north of the capital.

Thieu on Wednesday ordere huge military operation to b the week-old pressure on the c tal by North Vietnam's 7th and divisions. South Vietnam lost t posts near Highway 13, south Ben Cat, and the district town self was threatened.

The Saigon military command yesterday the North Vietnam troops were not capable of mo closer to the capital than 32 k after a week of fighting. The c mand said the capital could no under direct attack of the Com ist 130 mm. artillery guns w have a firing range of 27 km

Communist troop movements limited by the Thi Tinh and Sa rivers in the area southwes Ben Cat, a military spokesman s

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Bonn denies its chief spy catcher is a Communist agent

BONN (UPI). — The West German Government gave its chief spy catcher a clean bill of health yesterday and announced legal action against a magazine alleging that he actually is an East German Communist agent.

Gaenther Nollau, the 62-year-old director of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, described the allegations against him as "rubbish and untrue," not even worth interrupting a Bavarian vacation to answer.

Interior Minister Werner Maihofer said previous investigations into Nollau's background had "shown nothing detrimental."

A spokesman added Maihofer had asked a temporary court injunction preventing distribution and sale of the edition of the Hamburg monthly magazine, "Capital," containing an article alleging the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had learned Nollau actually is a Communist agent.

Nollau fled from East Germany to West Germany early in 1950.

The Interior Ministry said it thoroughly investigated Nollau at every stage of his career up through the ranks of the Office for the Protection of the Constitution — West Germany's counter-espionage outfit — from the moment he joined it at the end of 1950 until he became its director in 1972.

Siegfried Froehlich, State Secretary in the Ministry of Interior, said Nollau this year chairs Nato's "Special Committee," for which job he has received Nato's highest security clearance.

In Washington, Acting Secretary of State Kenneth Rush described "Capital's" story as "completely without foundation."

"Capital" magazine's allegations followed by three weeks the discovery and arrest of a Communist spy on former Chancellor Willy Brandt's personal staff, as a result of which Brandt resigned.

Since then, opposition Christian Democrats and publications close to them have been asking whether the government can be certain no other Communist spies have risen to high sensitive positions.

Government spokesman Armin Gruenewald said "Capital" quoted a highly placed French intelligence agent as a source for the allegations against Nollau. "The government has asked the French Government for any available information on this subject," he said.

Barrie goes up again on a main street in Belfast on Wednesday morning after thousands of soldiers worked hard in the Protestant areas to reopen barricaded roads. (AP radiophoto)

Total power shutdown looms in N. Ireland

BELFAST. — Fuel in strike-bound Northern Ireland was running dry yesterday, and officials warned that the province faced a total power shutdown within two days. Deputy Chief Minister Gerry Fitt called on the British Government to use the army to take control of power stations and petrol and oil supplies to save the country from the Protestant militants directing the 10-day-old general strike, whom he called "a bunch of fascists."

An Electricity Board spokesman said the situation at the power stations was desperate in the extreme because of shortages of hydrogen gas and other vital chemicals. "There will be a blackout by the weekend and it will be complete, final and irrevocable," he warned.

Gas for cooking and heating was cut off yesterday from Londonderry's 60,000 people. Londonderry had no electric power. Belfast's sole slaughterhouse, the province's biggest, closed in the morning, cutting off what little meat there had been. The fishing fleet has been in port since Sunday cutting supplies of fresh fish.

But there was almost no violence. "Of course we're suffering," said Alice Trench, a Protestant housewife in a side street off the Shankill Road. "But who ever won anything without it?"

Belfast's huge Royal Victoria Hospital and others in the province accepted emergency cases only. Standby generators gave them power. The Ulster Workers Council (UWC), which called the strike, guaranteed fuel supplies yesterday to hospitals, bakeries, dairies and fire services.

Mr. Fitt, leader of the Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), said the whole community was being held to ransom by the strikers, who demand new elections to wreck power-sharing and the Sunningdale agreement on links with the Catholic South. The only answer, he told a radio interviewer, is for the British Government to use the army to take control of power stations and petrol supplies.

Meanwhile, Britain and the Irish Republic have agreed to bring to trial fugitives from justice in Northern and Southern Ireland, the government said yesterday. The two governments will each bring in reciprocal legislation providing the courts in both parts of Ireland will have jurisdiction to try certain offences — including terrorism — regardless where in Ireland they were committed. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Magazine gives details of plan for Israel-Jordan disengagement

By DAVID LENNON, J.P. Correspondent

LONDON. — The details of a purported Israeli-Jordanian plan for disengagement are published in a new magazine whose first edition appeared here this week. "The Middle East" is banned in Jordan and Israel, according to the London-based Tunisian publisher, Afif ben Yedder.

Under the plan, Israeli forces will withdraw to the line of hills on the West Bank overlooking the Jordan Valley. This will be the "A" line. Jordanian forces will withdraw to the line of hills east of the Jordan river, and this will be the "B" line.

Both sides will maintain checkpoints at the Damya and Allenby bridges crossing points. U.N. forces will be stationed on both banks of the river and this will be known as the "C" line.

Jordan would undertake not to permit the presence of any armed elements of the Palestinian organizations or any other Arab forces on the East Bank. Israel would consequently permit Jordanian civil servants to administer the Arab towns and villages on the West Bank. Jordan would not object to the participation of the PLO at the Geneva conference at a later date.

On Jerusalem: the city would remain open and not be redivided. Israel would administer West Jerusalem which would be the capital of Israel. An Arab administration would be set up in East Jerusalem which could become the capital of the Arab administration.

The Jewish quarter of the Old City would be turned over to Israel provided that a sectarian advisory council representing Jews, Moslems and Christians is set up to take care of the holy places. Israel will allow the return to West Jerusalem of those who had property there, or compensate those who do not wish to return.

The refugees: Israel will allow a token number to return. They and those who do not wish to return would be compensated for being unable to exploit their property and real estate during the past 26 years. The compensation would be on the basis of property values at the time the Geneva agreement is reached.

At a later stage the parties will consider future diplomatic and other relations between them.

Following the disengagement, a working committee at Geneva would consider the following points: some of the Israeli settlements on the West Bank would come under Israeli administration with corridors leading to them through the territory evacuated by the Israeli army. In return, Israel would allow the establishment of two corridors linking Gaza to the West Bank and the East Bank.

The first corridor would run from the West Bank through Beersheba to Gaza; the second would connect the southern part of the East Bank with both Sinai and the Gaza Strip, passing through the Arava 12 kms. north of Akaba and Eilat. Both corridors would be subject to Israeli customs and security checks.

The West Bank and Gaza Strip would both be demilitarized, with a police force permitted for the maintainance of law and order. The super powers would guarantee to defend the West Bank and the Gaza Strip against any future Israeli attack, the magazine's Beirut correspondent, Mounir Abboud, reports.

In case of agreement, Israel would withdraw its forces from the Jordan Valley area and the West Bank hills, provided Israeli reconnaissance planes could retain the right to fly in a line parallel to the west side of the Jordan river.

The 1948 borders would be readjusted provided that this readjustment would be mutual and in a manner that would not constitute any territorial gains through the use of force.

New Portuguese FM praises rebel chiefs

LISBON (UPI). — Foreign Minister Mario Soares yesterday praised the leaders of the rebel movements in Portugal's three African territories as "men of great stature" and appealed to white settlers to accept self-determination of the three lands as a solution that would safeguard their interests and assure a future for their children.

Soares made the statement on the eve of his departure for London where he will meet Guinea rebel leaders for the first official peace talks in the 13-year-old African bush wars. The Portuguese Government is hoping for similar talks with the rebels in Mozambique and Angola soon.

Soares said the first task was to achieve a cease-fire, and that the future of the three territories will be determined in a referendum.

"Details of the referendum have not been worked out," he told newsmen in an interview. "One of the primary tasks of the government is to calm the white population there. We must tell them that it (self-determination) is in their own interest and for their children's future. It best defends them... we need their cooperation."

Soares, who has been Foreign Minister for only a week in the provisional government controlled by the military junta, said Aristides Pereira of the Guinea Liberation Movement (PAIGC) whom he will meet in London tomorrow was "a man of the open spirit."

Asked how white-ruled South Africa and Rhodesia would react to Portuguese territories being run by blacks, Soares said:

"This is a problem concerning only those countries. But I think that South Africa should not be afraid of any interference from our side since our policy toward other nations will be based on mutual respect and non-interference in other countries' internal aaffirs."

He said new links would have to be forged — possibly with British mentorship — with Communist countries, the Arab world and the nations of Africa.

Watergate C'ttee loses presidential subpoena

WASHINGTON (UPI). — A federal appeals court yesterday unanimously ruled the Senate Watergate Committee is not entitled to obtain five of President Nixon's secret tapes — transcripts of which have already been made public.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the committee had not demonstrated any vital need to secure the tapes for its investigation. The ruling upheld a lower court, which had refused to enforce the committee's subpoena for the tape recordings.

The five tapes subpoenaed were for Nixon conversations with John Dean. The committee had been seeking the tapes since July 17, 1973, after it uncovered the fact at its nationally televised hearings that Nixon had been recording his conversations.

The court's opinion said the House Judiciary Committee already has copies of the same tapes the Senate Watergate Committee is seeking, and thus the Senate panel's need to examine them now is "merely cumulative."

"Whatever force there might once have been in the committee's arguments that the subpoenaed materials are necessary to its legislative judgments has been substantially undermined by subsequent events" the court said, referring to Nixon's release of edited transcripts of 31 tapes on April 30.

The court rejected the committee's arguments that the tapes themselves are needed to resolve ambiguities in the transcripts and to try to determine whether portions have been deleted that should not have been.

"It points to no specific legislative decisions that cannot responsibly be made without access to materials uniquely contained in the tapes or without resolution of the ambiguities that the transcripts may contain," the court said.

It was the first time a congressional committee subpoenaed a President.

Priest on Nixon staff recalled 'for reflection'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A Jesuit priest on the White House staff who recently defended President Nixon's use of profanity has been recalled to Boston by his superiors for "prayer and reflection." The priest, Dr. John McLaughlin, said he had not decided whether to heed the order.

Father McLaughlin, a deputy special assistant to Nixon, told a newsman he received the letter yesterday from the Reverend Richard Cleary, Provincial of the Jesuit Fathers of New England.

Father Cleary said in Boston on Wednesday that it was possible Father McLaughlin could be asked to leave his White House post or be dismissed from the order. He noted that McLaughlin was living in the Watergate Apartments in Washington and questioned whether the priest was living up to his vows of poverty and obedience.

Fraud found in U.S. Embassy

BRUSSELS (UPI). — The U.S. State Department quietly fired two employees who systematically stole at least $41,000 from the U.S. Embassy in Belgium, an embassy spokesman said yesterday.

Although the embassy refused to give the names of the men, it said they were long-time employees — 20 years or more. American sources said the total theft over the years could be as much as $300,000, since the records only go back as far as 1967.

The employees, both non-Americans, were fired in February after a special State Department audit uncovered six years — possibly more — of "false purchase orders, kickbacks from suppliers and inflated prices" in the embassy's administration department, the spokesman said. The belated embassy statement came in response to questions from United Press International.

Neither man was prosecuted, the spokesman said, and both will get normal U.S. Government pensions. Pensions are revoked only in security cases, he said.

The scandal is believed to be the biggest to come to light in any U.S. embassy during the Nixon Administration. It will be probed soon by a State Department hearing in Washington, and the men may be required to pay back "provable losses" out of their pensions.

The sources said two other men also lost their jobs — a bookkeeper who covered up for the ringleaders and a temporary employee. These men also were non-Americans.

In addition, the sources said, two U.S. diplomats were held responsible for their subordinates' misdeeds and lost promotion rights within the foreign service.

The men worked in the embassy's administration section, buying supplies for the embassy, for the U.S. missions here to the European Common Market and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and for diplomats' homes. Despite the Nato connection, the spokesman denied any hint of espionage.

Egypt gives oil search rights to U.S. firms

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt yesterday signed an oil exploration agreement with two U.S. companies, Pexamin Pacific and Livingstone Oil Company.

The agreement covers 3,000 square kms. west of Cairo. Under the agreement, Egypt would obtain 75 per cent of any oil finds.

Genoa to upset court order to free anarchists

GENOA (UPI). — Genoa's Attorney-General moved yesterday to overturn a court order to free eight convicted anarchists in exchange for the life of kidnapped prosecutor Mario Sossi.

Attorney-General Francesco Coco said he would ask the Court of Cassation to nullify the order issued on Monday by a Genoa Court of assizes in the face of opposition from the Italian Government.

The self-styled left wing guerrilla organization "Red Brigades" which claimed responsibility for seizing Sossi 35 days ago, first demanded release of the anarchists from prison, then that they be given refuge inside the Cuban Embassy to the Vatican.

The embassy's chargé, Manuel De Basade, told newsmen he had asked Havana for instructions. Sources in the Foreign Ministry said Cuban officials were reluctant to consider the kidnappers' demand.

Copter hijacked in New York, suspect held

NEW YORK (AP). — A bearded man in blue jeans hijacked a helicopter yesterday and forced the pilot to fly it to the top of a 59-storey midtown skyscraper, where he was captured after demanding $2m. in ransom.

Police said he had three sticks of dynamite in his possession when he was apprehended.

The hijacker held the pilot and a second person hostage, police reported, and ordered the copter to an unused landing pad atop the 59-storey Pan American Building. The second hostage was identified as a helicopter mechanic.

Police said the hijacker had demanded $2m. in 100-dollar bills, in eight valises to be delivered by a girl in a bikini bathing suit; a nine-millimetre pistol; and a cannister of tear gas.

Paris bomb rips off dome of Sacre Coeur

PARIS (Reuter). — The Sacre Coeur Church in Montmartre was damaged by a bomb blast yesterday that ripped one of the white domes off the famous Paris landmark.

It was apparently a political act, intended as a warning to France's new President, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, to follow the wishes of the mass of French people.

A group claiming responsibility said in a note to a French news agency that the explosion was a reminder of a popular, anti-government uprising that began in Montmartre just over a century ago.

Bike streaker in Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — An African student has streaked from Peking city to the airport — a distance of 25 kms. — on a bicycle, according to reliable sources here. They said the student set off on the trip to Peking airport fully clothed and perhaps slightly inebriated.

On the way, he discarded his clothing piece by piece — an acrobatic feat demanding no little skill — and wheeled up to the airport terminal stark naked.

Stunned airport staff returned the man — still naked — to his dormitory in a hastily-summoned car, and some time later another car arrived, bringing his clothes which had been found strewn along the roadside.

China's first streaker appeared some weeks ago — dashing naked across an embassy ballroom.

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Uruguay in form in Cup warm-up

SPORTS ABROAD

By BERNIE BERNIKER

SOCCER

URUGUAY beat Brazil's Atletico Minelro soccer club 3-1 in Montevideo on Tuesday night in a warm-up match for the World Cup finals opening in East Germany next month. Local commentators unanimously agreed it was the Uruguayan side's best performance since it began preparing for the World Cup tournament.

Uruguay meets Bulgaria, Holland and Sweden in group three of the first round in the finals.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST			
Philadelphia	23	17	—
Montreal	17	15	3
St. Louis	20	19	3½
New York	18	23	5½
Chicago	15	21	6
Pittsburgh	13	23	8
WEST			
Los Angeles	31	11	—
Cincinatti	20	18	9
San Francisco	23	21	9
Atlanta	22	21	9½
Houston	22	23	10½
San Diego	17	29	16
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
EAST			
Milwaukee	19	17	—
Boston	21	19	—
Baltimore	18	18	1
Detroit	19	19	1
Cleveland	19	19	1
New York	20	23	2½
WEST			
Oakland	23	18	—
Chicago	19	17	1½
Texas	20	20	2½
Kansas City	19	20	3
California	19	22	4
Minnesota	16	20	4½

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	AB	R	H	Pct.
Smith, St. Louis	136	25	54	.397
Garr, Atlanta	178	22	65	.365
Reitz, St. Louis	140	12	49	.350
Gross, Houston	112	21	39	.348
Unser, Philadelphia	95	17	33	.347
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Carew, Minnesota	137	21	56	.409
Jackson Oakland	114	26	45	.395
McRae, Kansas City	122	20	46	.377
Robinson, Baltimore	132	8	44	.333
Yastrzemski, Boston	129	24	43	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

HITS

Garr, Atlanta, 65; Smith, St. Louis, 54; Maddox, San Francisco, 53; Reitz, St. Louis, 49; Buckner, Los Angeles, 49; Garvey, Los Angeles, 49; Thomas, San Diego, 49.

HOME RUNS

Wynn, Los Angeles, 12; Staub, New York, 8; Aaron, Atlanta, 8; Bench, Cincinatti, 8; Perez, Cincinatti, 8; Cedeno, Houston 8; Garvey, Los Angeles, 8.

STOLEN BASES

Brock, St. Louis, 27; Cedeno, Houston, 22; Morgan, Cincinatti, 16; Lopes, Los Angeles, 16.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

HITS

Carew, Minnesota, 56; Johnson, Texas, 50; Burroughs, Texas, 49; Rudi, Oakland, 48; Rojas, Kansas City, 46; McRae, Kansas City, 46; Campaneris, Oakland 46.

HOME RUNS

Nettles, New York, 11; Jackson, Oakland, 11; Briggs, Milwaukee, 9; Burroughs, Texas, 9; Horton, Detroit, 8.

STOLEN BASES

Patek, Kansas City, 15; North, Oakland, 14; Campaneris, Oakland, 11; Wohlford, Kansas City, 10.

BOXING

JOHN Conteh stopped Chris Finnegan in the sixth round on Tuesday night, in London, and retained his British, Commonwealth and European light-heavyweight-boxing title.

Conteh's victory probably earned him a shot against world champion Bob Foster — providing Foster retains the title in a defence next month against Argentine Jorge Ahumada.

HOCKEY

THE Houston Aeros, led by two goals each from Murray Hall and Larry Lund, and by Gordie Howe's four assists, defeated the Chicago Cougars, 6-2, on Monday night in Houston, Texas, to win the World Hockey Association championship in four straight games.

The victory pushed Aeros' goalie Don McLeod's playoff record to 12-2. The Aeros scored three goals in each of the first two periods to tuck away the Avco World Cup trophy early.

West Berlin police erect barbed wire around Glienicke Castle, where Chile's soccer team will stay during the World Cup tourney in June. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. FOOTBALL

DICK Butkus, generally regarded as the greatest middle line-backer in the history of football, announced in Chicago on Tuesday night that he is retiring from football. Butkus was the Chicago Bears No.1 draft choice in 1965. He was an all-pro seven times.

GOLF

ROD Curl's first victory in five years on the pro Golf tour jumped him all the way to fourth place on the money-winning list, according to figures released Monday by the P.G.A. tournament players division.

Curl earned $50,000 for his one-stroke victory in the Colonial National Tournament at Fort Worth and with a total of $104,980 this year is one of five players who have earned more than $100,000.

Jack Nicklaus, second at Fort Worth, jumped into second place but is still more than 80,000 dollars behind Johnny Miller, the leader all year.

THE TOP TEN

1. Johnny Miller	$192,877
2. Jack Nicklaus	112,379
3. Brian Allin	109,048
4. Rod Curl	104,980
5. Hubert Green	103,186
6. Lee Trevino	95,014
7. John Mahaffey	91,407
8. Jerry Heard	90,982
9. Leonard Thompson	88,929
10. Hale Irwin	78,129

NEW APPROACH TO PROMOTE ZIONISM

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THERE is a new spirit abroad in Zionist information activities. A top-level forum has at long last been set up to coordinate the hundreds of publications brought out of the various departments of the World Zionist Organization, the hundreds of speakers sent out to lecture in the Diaspora, and the quantities of audio-visual and film material issuing from Jerusalem. It is only a few months since Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, then Labour Minister, came back from a speaking tour of North America full of complaints on the film material supplied from this end.

Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Arye L. Dulzin has brought this top level coordinating unit into being as part of his revival of the supreme Zionist information coordinating committee, with the active cooperation and support of WZO Director-General Moshe Rivlin. Mr. Dulzin has chosen Moshe Gilboa to execute this policy by installing him as Director of Information for the WZO and Associate Director-General of the WZO Department of Organization and Information.

At 44, Gilboa has quite a career behind him. During the mid-50s he spent a number of years as an emissary to Anglo-Jewish youth and was in charge for two years of Youth and Hehalutz Department activities in Britain. Later he became aide to Abba Eban when Education Minister, and after some years as Deputy Director of the Defence Ministry's Foreign Assistance Division, joined the Foreign Ministry to become Israel Consul-General in Atlanta for the U.S. South. Returning home, he was special aide to Shimon Peres when Minister of Transport and Communications.

Thus he brings to his new job a sound training in Zionist work together with diplomatic experience and understanding of the mass media. Gilboa has already left his imprint on the Zionist information work, and immediately after the Kiryat Shmona massacre set the worldwide WZO information machine into gear. He cabled guide-lines in five languages (Hebrew, English, French, German and Spanish) to Zionist Federations, Jewish organizations, Israeli diplomatic missions and information emissaries. Gilboa feels that this atrocity, plus the loud applause awarded the murderers in many Arab capitals, highlight the chasm-like difference between the constructive nature of the Zionist cause and the destructiveness of Arab terrorism.

In addition to information guidelines, Gilboa despatched a film unit to Kiryat Shmona to make a short film on the massacre and the border township itself, which should drive home the problems of immigrant towns in addition to the facts of the security situation. Another facet to be highlighted is the way the Soviet regime supports the terrorist gangs, which should be of interest to public opinion in the free world, which is already alert to internal Soviet oppression.

The supreme information coordination body, chaired by Mr. Dulzin, comprises the main departmental and party heads of the WZO — M. Rivlin, M. Bar-On, Y. Finkelstein, A. Shenkar, Y. Narboni, M. Kroné and Y. Klarman. It is now intended that the voice of the Zionist Movement be properly heard.

Gilboa speaks of the need to deal with the after-effects of the trauma induced by the first days of the Yom Kippur War, when millions of Jews saw on their TV sets Egyptian soldiers hauling down the Israeli flag over the Bar-Lev line, as well as the isolation of Israel at the UN.

Maximum media

"Suddenly the Zionist concept of Israel as a safe refuge for Jews was shaken. This in turn produced questions on the centrality of Israel in Jewish life, whether a state in siege can provide the world Jewish centre. Some American Jews, for example, are starting to talk widely of giving priority to local communal affairs over work for Israel. Here we are confronted with a challenge to the theory and ideology of Zionism, which has operative results such as the decline in aliya from the West and the lower number of volunteers last October than in 1967," he says. Gilboa speaks of the need to fortify three underlying common principles — faith, credibility and active partnership.

How does he intend going about this? — "We have to employ the maximum media to get the maximum number of Jews. We have to set out priorities and define our target groups such as the local Jewish and Zionist leadership — not only the financially prominent, but the communal heads and the intellectuals as well as the religious leaders and Jews who have risen to the forefront in public life, educators, women's organizations and so forth — a pluralist and uptodate approach."

Gilboa is conscious of the need to switch the emphasis to the audio-visual and to the TV screen, noting, "If Herzl were to write 'The Jewish State' today, few would bother to read it, for Jews read less than in the past. In order to get his message over today, a modern Herzl would have to gear it to television. 'Seeing is believing' appears to be the guideline for our times."

This shift in emphasis represents a radical departure in Zionist information away from the traditional approach of written material and public meetings. "We have to realise that more people see TV and listen to radio than read nowadays, and we have to put our message into terms that are relevant to contemporary concepts. We have to vary publications according to country. We can hardly use the same approach to Jews in London as in Los Angeles or Buenos Aires."

The new WZO information chief speaks of sending a cross-section of Israelis to speak to the Diaspora communities — businessmen to businessmen, students to students, professionals to their counterparts and so forth. Gilboa wants to create cadres of Zionist information speakers in every country. The Israeli emissaries do not suffice. What is needed is a team of local people who are sufficiently well-informed and orientated to do the job on a permanent basis.

He speaks of special seminars for this purpose and of setting up an Israel Information Institute in Jerusalem where people will come from the Jewish communities for first-hand insight into basic Zionism, the problems of Israel, and methodology (i.e. how to explain).

Moshe Gilboa

"We take for granted that peo know basic things, which often th do not," he said, and speaks of mo seminars on-the-spot too. What G boa would also like to see co into being is a supreme informati council for the Jewish world whi would contain all trends in Wor Jewry and provide the answers "the dilemmas of Jewish existence

Above all there was a need f coordination inside the Zionist Mov ment and between it and the Min tries of Foreign Affairs and Info mation so as to avoid overlappin on the one hand and a vacuum the other. They have to avoid su examples as four lecturers arri ing in small Jewish communiti from different sources and depar ments in the same week providin an embarras de richesse, or Zion emissaries receiving four pamphle from differing sources on exact the same subject. At a time wh the Arab League was intensifyi its propaganda war and pumpi millions of oil dollars into this ca paign throughout the free wor there should be no waste of t limited resources of organized Je ry and the Zionist Movement, G boa holds.

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Cop against corruption

At the Cinema

Serpico (Dekel, Tel Aviv) is a true-story thriller based on Peter Maas' best-seller about corruption in the New York City Police Department and a crusading cop's fight against it.

Frank Serpico, the son of Italian immigrants, was a New York plain-clothes policeman who was appalled by the corruption he found in the Force. Himself untainted, for a number of years he waged a one-man fight against it, incurring the bitter enmity of most of his colleagues. At last, finding that his complaints to his superiors brought no results, he and a couple of other policemen went to the "New York Times" and gave the paper the whole detailed story. Learning of pending publication, the Mayor set up an investigating committee (the "Knapp Commission") which, apparently, did bring about improvements and dismissals. As for Serpico himself, he resigned from the Force after being promoted to detective and is now living in Switzerland.

The film, directed by Sidney Lumet ("The Pawnbroker" "The Hill") with the intensity that its theme demands, conveys the feeling that the episodes are honestly presented and makes for interesting as well as disturbing and, at times, exciting viewing. But it is chiefly striking for the remarkable performance of Al Pacino (who became known for his fine acting as Michael Corleone in "The Godfather") in the title role. He plays Serpico as a simple soul, an idealist with an obsession. He makes clear the man's growing frustrations as he moves from corrupt precinct to precinct, never forgetting his purpose and always arousing increasing dislike, his unconventional dress, which he believes helps him in his job, becoming always more peculiar and hippy-like. He invests his portrayal with life and just for his performance alone the film is worth seeing.

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Hebrew University, Jerusalem Mrs. Shifra Ron, Faculty of Natural Sciences	11	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Zoology, Genetics, Atmosphere Sciences	May 25	Aug. 5-20
Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot	11	Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics	has ended	June 30-July 12
Institute for Science-Oriented Youth Jerusalem, P.O.B. 262	10-11	Jewish Art	June 15	July 7-21
The Technion, External Students section P.O.B. 4959, Haifa	9-11	Physics, Medical Biology	June 30	as above
Bar-Ilan University Dr. Schlezinger, Physics Dept.	11	Computers, Archaeology, Physics, Nuclear, Sciences, Mathematics, Multi-dimensional design, Material Engineering	June 25	Aug. 18-30
Tel Aviv University Science-Oriented Youth Unit	10-11	Camp for girls. Camp for boys.	(Programme not yet finalised)	
Nuclear Research Centre, Nahal Sorek Yavne Post	11	Solid-state Physics, Lasers, Astronomy, Marine Biology, Oil Exploration, Biochemistry, Medicine	June 10	June 30-July 12
Agricultural Research Directorate (in cooperation with the Settlement Education Division)	11	Nuclear Physics, the Energy Crisis	May 20	July 21-Aug. 2
		Lectures and experiments in agriculture.	May 20	July 7-

The famed Chicago Police Department is relying on female strength to cope with crowd control, burglary, vice and homicide investigations. The department's women recruits are now receiving the same weapons training as men. (UPI)

THE 'THREE MARIAS' WIN A VICTORY FOR WOMEN

By E.S. CORBETT
LISBON (Ofns), —

THE case of the "Three Marias" shook Portugal with almost as much fury as the political earthquake which overthrew the Caetano Government a few weeks ago. Their book of poems "Novas Cartas Portuguesas" ("New Portuguese Letters"), written as a "follow-up" to the 17th-century classic "Letters of a Portuguese Nun" — an emotional outburst of a nun to her French soldier lover — has been a *cause celebre* ever since it was seized by the Portuguese police of the old regime in 1972. They were cleared of the charge of offending public morals earlier this month.

The book, which was published jointly by the three women, was claimed to be pornographic. Even then, the censor might have accepted its description of a woman's view of sex, had it not been centred around a nun. Criticism of a woman's role in Portuguese society is one thing, but casting aspersions on the Catholic Church was bound to have a reaction.

The "three Marias" contended that the book's purpose was to illustrate "the inferior position of women in a society dominated by male values and interests."

Throughout the protracted legal proceedings the defence argued that had the book been written by a man instead of three women it would not have been considered pornographic. Each woman was interrogated separately — and they admit perfectly correctly — to try to discover the authorship of the letters, since they had contributed five each but left them unsigned.

The "three Marias" are well known in Portuguese literary circles.

Maria Isabel Barreno, 34, recognised as the most erotically outspoken, is separated from her husband, has two small sons and works in the social science research department in the Ministry of the Economy.

Maria Teresa Horta, 36, is married to a journalist on a Lisbon evening paper and has one son. She is a full-time writer with nine novels behind her, including one seized by the police, and an anthology of poetry. With Maria Isabel Barreno, she is now pioneering a women's liberation movement in Portugal.

Maria Velha da Costa, also 36, does not lend support to women's movements, contending that "men in modern society are persecuted too." She is separated from her husband, has one son and works with Maria Isabel Barreno in the Economic Ministry. Had they been found guilty of obscenity both would have lost their jobs at the Ministry, no mean punishment for women supporting themselves.

Materially the disputed volume brought little reward, about IL450 each from sales, to be set against 18 months of anguish and expensive litigation. But the value of the publicity has been enormous.

Maria Isabel Barreno sees herself as the Virginia Woolf of Portuguese letters. She draws a parallel between Portugal's situation and those of England and France before World War II, when France was slower in recognising women's rights. She recalls that Virginia Woolf wrote "A Room of One's Own" in 1929 but it was not translated into French until 1951 and never into Portuguese. Likewise, she says, Simone de Beauvoir's "Le Deuxieme Sexe" caused a scandal in France in the sixties because she spoke like men. The same thing is happening in Portugal in the seventies.

But where circumstances in Portugal differ from times past is that the unfulfilled position of Portuguese women today is more the outcome of male prejudice than legal discrimination. A decade or so ago, the case would have been different. Before the revision of the civil code in 1966, carried out by ex-Premier Marcello Caetano when he was in a reforming mood, a woman could not open a banking account, take up employment or obtain a passport without her husband's consent. Neither could she administer her own property after marriage. A married woman could not enter a casino without her husband, and no woman would go to a cinema at night without a male escort.

Even today a married or divorced woman cannot take her children out of the country without her husband's or former husband's written consent, a law that is rigidly enforced even for foreign women with their own passports married to Portuguese. Behaviour accepted in foreign women living in Portugal, like living alone and earning a living, is still frowned on in the case of Portuguese women.

The last regime did little to encourage the participation of women in public affairs. What was needed was a social upheaval to shake Portugal out of its inertia. This has now happened. And the three Marias may be the first to benefit.

An adventurer at the wheel

One of the 12 recipients of the title, "Honoured Citizen of Jerusalem," awarded at a ceremony on Jerusalem Day, was BENJAMIN ADIN, the driver who, among other exploits, took his vehicles through Arab fire to Mount Scopus in the days of the siege. He is interviewed here by PHILIP GILLON

BENJAMIN Adin, who has driven many types of vehicles for four million kilometres along Israeli roads, has a cup on his mantelpiece presented to him by the late Professor Shlomo Franco, which bears the following inscription: "To Benjamin, son of Jacob Edelman, of the Priestly tribe, in remembrance of his courageous deed, which enabled 700 souls to recount the story of the Exodus from Egypt on the eve of Passover 1948."

These 700 members of the staff and patients, were at the time at the Hadassah hospital on Mount Scopus, cut off by the Arabs. Professor Franco was one of the doctors in charge. After prolonged negotiations, the Arabs agreed to let a truck through, provided they had the right to inspect it for anything of military value. The British soldiers and the Hagana representatives at Mandelbaum Gate advised Adin not to try to get through to Scopus: when he insisted they made him sign a declaration, "I alone am responsible for this journey."

Escorted by a British officer in a jeep, Adin set off. Emil Ghouri, the Arab commander, searched the truck, and announced that electrical batteries, and, for some reason, powdered milk, were military supplies. Adin argued the point fiercely in Arabic: the argument got so heated that the British officer, noting the heavily armed Arab terrorists backing Ghouri, pulled Adin aside and warned him to be quiet. Adin replied that the batteries were needed by nurses on night shift, and added, "I'm not afraid — my motto is old soldiers never die." He showed the Englishman that he had in his lapel the insignia of the British Legion.

Ghouri let the truck through. In his autobiography, "Adventure at the Wheel", Adin has described what happened when he arrived at Mt. Scopus. "Their joy was unbounded. Their wonderment was heightened when I told them that I had brought all the necessities for the Seder. They lifted me on their shoulders and carried me while singing and dancing."

Adin generally drove alone, looking all the time for new routes to Scopus to bypass the Arabs. He made several trips a day. Several times he survived by miracles being shot at and shelled. He comments in his book: "Up until this day I do not know who or what tempted me to all these dangerous missions. I worked hard and at times my fear was very great, but I always told myself that now was the time to set out and I left without taking note of the warnings of those in charge that my life was in danger. On the other hand, there were times when I felt it would be folly to attempt to go up, and I remained below. I cannot explain my behaviour logically in every instance, and it was only instinct which determined my decisions. Many called me crazy and thus expressed their wonderment at the marvels which I performed. I can still hear the voices of the people who would stand on the outskirts of the Bukharin Quarter and call in my direction, 'The crazy one is going up again.' After all, someone had to do this work, and it fell to me to do it."

Ill-fated

He obviously regrets a decision to suspend his lone wolf operation and to join a large convoy. This was the ill-fated convoy that the Arabs ambushed, massacring the leader, Dr. Chaim Yassky, and 76 others. Adin's truck was hit by grenades, his tyres completely destroyed, and the steering damaged. Nevertheless, he managed to reverse down the road till he hit the wall of Nashashibi's house: there he turned around, and so got back to the city, after being fired at again by the British near the tomb of Simon the Just.

His adventures did not begin with the siege of Jerusalem. He was born in the Old City in August, 1903, his father a miserably poor *melamed*, who died on the day that World War I broke out. Adin was put for a time into an orphanage, but got out after six months, and helped his mother by odd jobs to scrape together some money to keep the family going. This was during the period when the *Yishuv* suffered desperate shortages.

In 1918, although not yet 15, he managed to enlist in the 40th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, and served in it for 2½ years. When he left the Army, he learned to drive, and began his long career on wheels. He drove through the 1921 riots, later worked as a taxi driver, then tried his luck as an independent operator serving tourists. Next he was employed by the eccentric Englishwoman, Miss Newton, who hated Jews, but treated him with great understanding. She even allowed him to replace a crucifix outside his door with a *mezuza*. She treated him and his family with great kindness until 1929, incidentally enabling him to meet the Grand Mufti, and then suddenly threw him out of her house.

Adin became the driver of General Gross, and drove the General during the riots of 1929. Incidentally, he also served in Hagana, helping to acquire illegal arms. He left the General to drive a taxi again, became a founder member of Egged, but sold his share in the co-operative to form a taxi cooperative. Then came the 1936 Arab revolt, and from then on riots and wars continued indefinitely. So did Adin.

After the State was established, and quieter times prevailed, he became the driver of the Hadassah car that carried the Organization's presidents, members of the National Board, and visiting V.I.P.s around the country. Everyone appreciated Adin's unfailing affability and good humour as much as his driving skill and knowledge of the country. When he retired at 65, Hadassah presented him with a car. He has since changed it for two others, for he is still eating up the kilometres, all set to reach his five million in the coming decade.

One of his proudest claims is that he has never had a road accident and has never received a summons for a driving offence. He intends to keep his record clean.

"I've lived most of my life under conditions of tension and danger," he says, "but I can only say that they seem to agree with me. I wish everyone my age felt as fit as I do. And I'm going to go on driving — I hope till I reach a hundred and twenty."

A 'shock' for Israel's blind

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AS an attempt to prove the essential normality of blind persons — when they are given the proper opportunities for education, rehabilitation, employment and social integration in society — an International Convention of the Blind will be held in Jerusalem in June, 1975. It is sponsored by the Jewish Braille Institute of America, whose dynamic Executive Director, Dr. Jacob Freid, recently visited Israel to make initial arrangements.

"I hope we can give the blind of this country, as well as the public, a sort of insulin shock," Dr. Freid told me. "We want to bring over some of the leaders among the blind of the Western world — professors, intellectuals, and those who work for the blind. We hope the Israeli blind will come to the convention and we also want press coverage to bring our message to the general public — the message that blind people can do virtually everything sighted people do, except see."

Leaders in rehabilitation of the blind in Israel, representing the Service for the Blind of the Ministry of Welfare (which deals with the problems of all blind people regardless of their economic condition) and the voluntary agencies in the field, will be asked to give papers at the conference. However, the emphasis will be on panel discussions and workshops where the Israeli blind can express their own wishes as to the services and assistance they would like to receive. "I think the blind must be full and equal participants in the policy-making which affects their lives. In my own agency, we have six blind members on our Executive Board. More than once, I have come up with ideas which I thought were good; but the blind people rejected them. They won — not necessarily because I thought I was wrong and they were right, but because the agency exists to serve them — and who am I to tell them what they want."

One subject which will undoubtedly be given a good deal of attention at the conference is the issue of employment. Though more and more young blind people here are attending the universities and achieving professional success, employment opportunities for those at lower educational levels are till limited to switchboard operating, factory work and the sheltered workshop. Dr. Freid, and many of the blind themselves, are not ready to settle for such a low level of aspiration. However, in order to improve employment opportunities, blind people themselves must first be convinced that they can succeed in other occupations and that they must set their sights according to their abilities and not according to what blind people have done in the past. This is one of the convention's main purposes.

Dr. Freid hopes that Kenneth Jernigan, president of the U.S. National Federation of the Blind, will be able to attend the convention. Dr. Jernigan, himself blind, is a champion of the rights of blind persons to self-determination and equality and has helped bring this sense of conviction and self-confidence to thousands of other blind persons.

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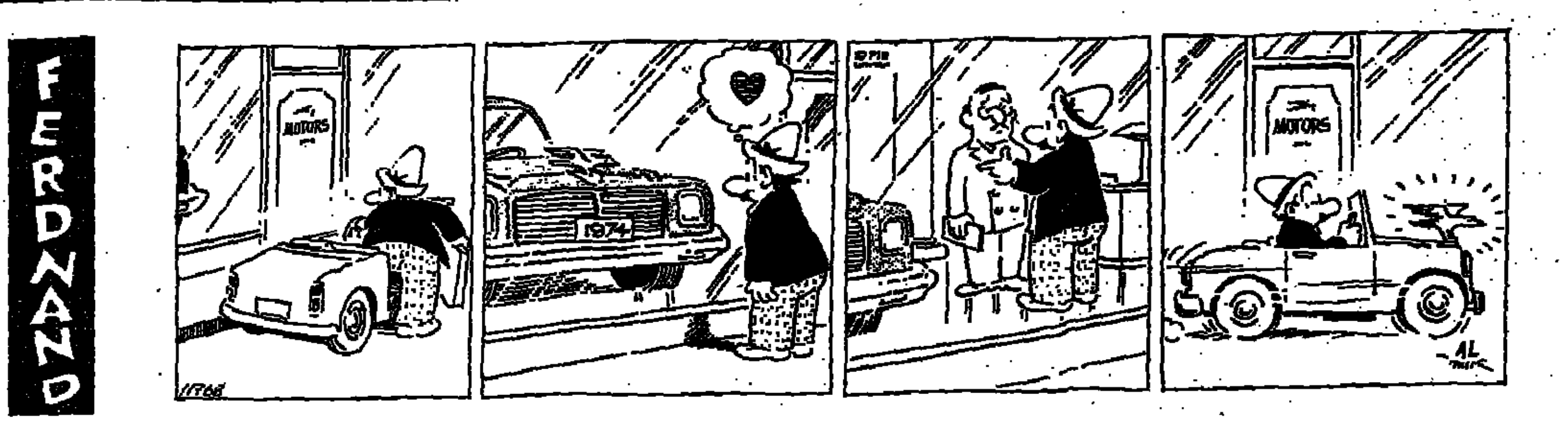

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Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Rovevei Zion, Talbiah): Tonight: 6.30 p.m.

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Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind Israel Museum): Tonight: Service, 6.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre: Rehov Agron 8. Tonight: Arvit, 6.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Joshua Stampfer.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul). Tonight: 6.20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6.35 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit 8.00 Minha 5.55 p.m.

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Beit Haknesset Gestat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi Davis Weiss.

Kedem Synagogue (Progressive Judaism, 30 Rehov Carlebach): Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Erter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University): Tonight 6.00 p.m. Sermon: Mrs. Ruth Kleinstein.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechiya Synagogue: Tonight 6.25 p.m., Tomorrow: Shahrit 7.45 a.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol, Minha 6.15 p.m. Shiur Gemara Mr. Weizman.

Emeth Ve'emuna Congregation (Progressive Judaism): 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi T. Ben-Shorin.

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KFAR SABA

Ramizvar Hakadash (Shechunat Ellezer). Tonight: 6.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 7.30 a.m. Minha 6.30 p.m.

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NETANYA

Beth Yisrael (Conservative) (13 Rehov Rav Kook): Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

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HAIFA

Moriah Congregation (7 Rehov Horeb), Ahuza. Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation Or Hadash (New Beit Rothschild, Sderot Hanassi, Mercaz Hacarmel). Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Morton Hoffman.

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Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim). Tonight 6.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative) (B'nai Brit Hall, 183b Rehov Herzl). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovoy Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.30 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rehov Eilat behind Old Law Court, Tel Aviv). Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

Evangelical Episcopal (Anglican) Church (Jaffa Beer Hoffman Street, off Rehov Eilat): Sunday: Evening Service, 6.00 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study (Tel. 821459).

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Christian Science Service, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv. Sunday: 11 a.m.

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International Evangelican Church (53 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Worship: 9.00 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

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DEPARTURES: Air France 193 to Paris, 0245; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0340; El Al 161 to Teheran, 0610; El Al 467 to Paris, 0630; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome, and N.Y., 0710; TWA 803 to Paris and N.Y. 0730; El Al 347 to Zurich, 0720; Lufthansa 637 to Frankfurt, 0750; El Al 265 to London and N.Y. 0800; El Al 357 to Frankfurt, 0810; El Al 463 to Rome, 0840; Air France 137 to Athens and Paris, 0850; BA 483 to London, 0925; Olympic 302 to Athens, 1335; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1400; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1640; Cyprus Airways 303 to Nicosia, 1825.

SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: TWA 811 from Bangkok and Bombay, 0425; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1315; TWA 800 from N.Y. and Paris, 1340; Lufthansa 634 from Frankfurt 1420; TWA 810 from Boston, Paris and Rome, 1530; TWA 840 from S.F., N.Y., Rome and Athens, 1700; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 358 from Frankfurt 1920; El Al 476 from London, 2000; El Al 474 from Rome, 2010; El Al 470 from Amsterdam, 2020; BA 484 from London 2035; El Al 472 from Geneva and Zurich, 2105; El Al 478 from Paris and Munich, 2125; Air France 132 from Paris and Rome, 2150; Austrian 713 from Vienna, 2210; Lufthansa 632 from Munich, 2305.

DEPARTURES: TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0340; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and N.Y. 0710; TWA 803 to Paris and N.Y. 0730; Air France 131 to Nice and Paris, 0850; BA 485 to London, 0925; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1400; Lufthansa 633 to Munich, 1510; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1840.

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FRIDAY

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BEERSHEBA: Briut.

SATURDAY

JERUSALEM: (day) Farkash, 28 Palmach, 36084; (evening) Beit Hakerem, 19 Beit Hakerem, 821088; Azzahra, Azzahra, 283543.

TEL AVIV: (day) Gutman, 91 Ahad Ha'am, 285301; Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 242673; Yani, 67 Yehuda Halevi, 612474; (evening) Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 222386; Kikar Hamedina, 48 Heh Betyar, 258046; Moskowitz, 25 King George, 282650. HOLON: Assuta, 4 Trumpeldor. BAT YAM: Ezra, 135 Balfour. RAMAT GAN: Assuta, 41 Jabotinsky, 731874. HERZLIYA: Berniker, 25 Sokolow. RAMLE: Ramle, 75 Herzl. PETAH TIKVA: Merkaz Hasharon, 40 Hovevei Zion, 911078. NETANYA: Hadassah, 24 Herzl, 22243.

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SATURDAY: Shaare Zedek (pediatrics), Bikur Holim (obstetrics), Hadassah (internal, surgery, eyes).

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Devaluation rumours send 'black' currency soaring

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Moreover, they stressed that the main opponent of devaluation, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, is still refusing to join the next cabinet.

The interest in obtaining a hedge against devaluation spilled over into other areas apart from currency, mainly government commemorative coins, and even into stamps, which have not been in demand lately.

The new Ben Yehuda coin, which was distributed only this week by the authorities at IL50 a coin, is now selling for IL60; the Ben Yehuda "proof" coin, distributed at IL90, now sells at IL150; and the proof set of regular coins, 1974, distributed at IL14 now goes for IL20 to IL25.

Moreover, the dealers are willing to pay IL3,000 now to obtain an order for the Ben-Gurion coin, which will probably be sold by the authorities at around IL2,000.

As for stamps, some have jumped by 300 to 400 per cent in one week.

Yesterday's "opening bargaining prices": $100 banknotes, IL5.00, up seven agorot; smaller dollar bills, IL4.95, also up seven agorot; dollar checks, IL4.60, down five agorot; DM, IL2, up four agorot; Dutch florin, 1LL80, up four agorot; Swiss franc, IL1.65, up four; pound sterling, IL11.50, up 20 agorot; sovereigns, IL245, up IL10; Krugerrand, IL920, up IL110; kilo of silver, IL1,150, up IL30; kilo of gold, IL26,000, up IL400; three-piece anniversary set, IL4,400, up IL100; two-piece set, IL1,700, up IL100; and platinum coin, IL2,200, up IL100.

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But one other share made almost as good a showing. Elgar bearer rose by three and by seven, to 110, with a turnover of 22,000. IDB remained firm at 227 despite a heavy turnover of 212,000, and EDC bearer, which lost 0.5 in the opening round, rose by 6.5 in the variables to 204, with a turnover of 25,000. Rasco preferred rose by 15 to 109, with a turnover of 36,000, and Bank Leumi investment lost 3.5 but then recovered by three to 238, with a turnover of 56,000.

The turnover in stocks was IL3,425,000. Of this, IL1,767,900 was in the variables.

Since yesterday was the last day of trading until Tuesday, due to the holiday, financial circles predict a huge buying day on Tuesday — if a new government is formed.

Index-linked bonds were mixed, and financial circles think that the end of the downward trend has been reached, or will be reached shortly. The turnover was IL12,946,700.

The Dollar Natad rose by one point to IL4.87 following a demand of $79,900. Some $331,200 was traded.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.30 per cent to stand at 299.50.

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DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
% Dead Sea Junior	r	239.5	238.5
% Electric Corp A	r	135.5	136.5
% Electric Corp B	r	149.9	149.5
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lita 1965, Index 110.1	6	315	313
itahon 1968, Series 41	b	135.3	137.3
itahon 1969, Series 41	b	260.1	261.8
COMMERCIAL BANKS BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
tsar Hityashvut	r	286.5	286.6
.D.B. pref.	r	278.5	278.5
.D.B. Bankholding	r	237	237.5
nion Bank	r	304.5	304.5
rael British Bank	b	338	330
iscount Bank "A"	r	549	545
nited Mizrahi Bank	b	183.5	182
ank Hapoalim — 10%	b	297	298
ank Leumi "A"	r	261	261
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COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
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Dubek	b	463	462
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	239	234
Teva	b	1290	1206
Chem. & Phosphates	r	111	110
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Moller Textile	r	236	235
Phoenicia—8%	b	118	118
Paper Mills	r	335	325
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Bank Hapoalim	b	225	225
Pax	b	111	112
Wolfson IL10	b	118	117
Ampa	r	194	135
Discount Bank	b	260	259.5
United Mizrahi	b	135	135
Bank Leumi	r	238	238.5
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Another dismal day

NEW YORK (AP). — Bluechip issues held firm, but many others continued to slide in another general dismal session in the stock market yesterday.

Toward the close the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, reflecting the relative strength of some big-name stocks, was up 2.42 at 804.99. Twice earlier in the session the widely watched average had come within a fraction of a point of falling below the 800 mark.

Only once since 1970 was the Dow closed below 800 — last December 5, when it finished at 788.31.

Analysts said the primary significance of the Dow's struggle to stay above 800 was psychological. "All the other averages are already at new bear-market lows," said Heinz Biel at Hoppin, Watson Inc.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed up 2.66 at 805.23.

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'I DON'T BLAME THE WORKERS'

Call for strike ban and freeze in living levels

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

"THE Government should declare a situation of national emergency, with a freeze in living standards and a limitation on the right to strike," says Yitzhak Weiman, Managing Director of Perma-Sharp, now known as American-Israel Blades, Ltd.

"Wouldn't you think it inconceivable that a month after the war, industrialists were not able to export from Ashdod after 2 p.m. — because customs officials were applying sanctions in a labour dispute?"

Weiman — who is chairman of the Manufacturers Association's Export Committee — points out that the oil crisis and the explosion of raw-material costs have forced an economic slowdown in England, Germany and France — but not in Israel. Here, inflation reigns unchecked.

The basic economy is sound enough; it is public affairs that are not run sensibly. Weiman's plant is American-owned, and has achieved a higher productivity than its sister factories in New York, Mexico and Australia. "When the war broke out, 75 per cent of our male workers were called up, including the plant manager. That is one-third of our staff. We were left with the older men and the women. Yet we only lost 20 per cent of output," he recalls enthusiastically.

"In November, 40 per cent of our men were still enlisted, and we produced 15 per cent more than pre-war. Women worked after hours..."

Then what is wrong? He is thinking of the bureaucracy that faces the investor. "We have a loan from the Industrial Development Bank. One is supposed to receive the money in stages, after submitting progress reports. On January 26 we sent in a report, and we haven't had a sight of the money yet.

"Such delays are nerve-wracking for people who are not accustomed to this kind of treatment. Old-timers, who know their way about, can hurry things up and find short cuts. And that — he wages a cautionary finger — isn't good either."

"Suppose a company doesn't need any development loan from the Government, is it free from bureaucratic holdups?"

"Yes," he conceded after a moment's thought. "Export credit is supplied on the dot, the tax refunds also. But there are difficulties of another kind. Costs in Israel have gone up faster than in other industrialised countries, and we are constantly being priced out of export markets. The Government makes fiscal concessions to keep us in line — but always after the event, instead of before.

"I don't blame the workers. The collective agreement suggested by the Histadrut does no more than compensate them for swollen living costs. But the employer cannot finance this without putting up his prices. He just doesn't have a sufficient margin.

"The Goverment should anticipate the increase in production costs, and ensure that the exporter knows a year ahead what he'll be getting for his wares."

American-Israel Blades (AIB) makes razor blades, and exports three-quarters of its output. Last year foreign sales were $664,000. And AIB is in the top category for added value, with imported materials constituting only 20 per cent of production costs. There is only one other Israeli company in the same branch, Okava. It manufactures Edison blades. AIB makes Perma-Sharp, and also Diplomat.

Mr. Weiman points out that investments have sagged this year, which makes it a matter of urgency that the Government mend its fences. "All investments sagged?" we query. He hastens to correct himself. "I mean those made by foreign investors. They are holding back, owing to current political uncertainties."

He agrees that we cannot change the political situation at this moment. But we can at least grab the opportunity of improving the administration, and making the business climate more attractive.

He does not champion the easy way. Freezing consumption in Israel means deflating, creating a 'buyers' market — something that Weiman actually advocates. On the other hand, to avoid a recession, the Government should improve the exchange-rate for exports.

The two measures taken together — tightening the local market and making foreign trade more profitable — will re-channel a whole chunk of additional resources from the domestic front to the export front. That is the kind of tough policy Weiman presumably has in mind, when he calls for a government of national emergency.

Farmers may get more for milk, eggs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT KAMA. — Farmers may get more for their eggs and milk, the director of the Agriculture Ministry said Wednesday. But he could not say whether the higher prices would be covered by the consumer or by the Government, in the form of higher subsidies.

The official, Avraham Brum, was answering reporters' questions on a press tour near here.

He also said the Government had decided to grant citrus farmers a special IL50m. loan to allow them to start their summer work. He said the citrus farmers were hard hit by the increase in transport costs in the past year.

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Prices of chemicals seen rising

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

TEL AVIV. — World prices of chemicals, including plastics, are due for another rise following the end of the price freeze in the U.S., Mr. Tzvi Tsur, General Manager of Koor Chemicals, told a symposium on inflation organized by the Israel Management Centre last week. The U.S. accounts for one third of total output and use of chemicals, and its impact is decisive for world price levels.

He warned, however, against overstocking. There was no knowing how long the upward price trend would continue, and whether the cuts in consumption of chemicals, owing to their higher cost, coupled with frantic efforts to expand output, would not bring about an eventual price slump.

Even now prices of chemicals were, by and large, lower than in 1960, Mr. Tsur said. In the 'sixties the world chemical industry expanded at twice the rate of the general industrial growth, as a result of which excess productive capacity accumulated. This led to dumping of surplus products, and to a general price decline, which in turn caused a sharp reduction in the industry's growth in recent years. The shortage of oil refineries in the U.S. was only one of the effects of this development, which let prices of chemicals harden even before the October War and the Arab oil embargo. On the other hand, the ripple effects of this upward price trend were now contributing to world inflation.

Mr. Amos Mar-Haim, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, counselled industrialists to speed up investments in order to partake in the current expansion of Israel's economy, inflationary though it may be, and to benefit from the upward price movement. He quoted figures based on a representative sample of industrial companies, which showed that profitability improved in 1973 in spite of growing inflation. Average sales proceeds of the sample companies increased 25 per cent compared with 1972, pre-tax profits rose by 16 per cent, and equity capital was up 11 per cent without revaluation of assets.

Building law 'protects public'

Several hundred complaints against builders about breach of contract or shoddy workmanship have been submitted and dealt with since the Contractors Registration Law was passed three years ago. Reporting this, Contractors Registrar Shlomo Arazi said this week that some 2,250 building contractors have registered.

Speaking to newsmen at Jerusalem's Beit Agron, Mr. Arazi said that any accredited contractor who let a client down or produced substandard work would be prosecuted. If convicted, such contractors face heavy fines or even jail sentences, he said.

He expressed surprise that the Knesset Finance Committee had not yet approved an amendment which would extend the law to cover private and public building companies employing accredited contractors. This loophole in the present law leaves purchasers defenceless in the event of building defects in apartments bought from such companies, he said. *(Itim)*

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FEUDING CHIEF RABBIS

THE vituperation and personal insults which the two Chief Rabbis have been hurling at each other daily through the newspapers and the media threaten to strip the institution which they head of its last vestige of dignity and authority.

Their current feud is ostensibly about *kashrut* facilities. In fact, it is the latest in a series of personal clashes which have almost totally paralysed the Chief Rabbinate since Rabbis Goren and Yosef took office late in 1972. The quarrels of their predecessors seem minor by comparison.

The need for spiritual leadership which so many people feel in this post-war period of political struggle, military uncertainty and terrorist atrocities has gone unanswered from the two men whose primary task it should be to provide it. Even the Ma'alot massacre could not move them to set aside their hostility. Each visited the town separately, comforted the victims' families separately, and issued separate instructions to synagogues on how to commemorate the dead in their religious services.

In part, no doubt, the discord is the almost inevitable result of the structure of the Chief Rabbinate, headed by two men of equal status and authority. In this case, the situation is exacerbated by the fact that one of these men enjoyed exclusive jurisdiction in an army command role for almost 25 years.

Rabbi Goren's great achievements in building up the army chaplaincy earned him the respect of his subordinates in the corps, but what was viewed as his authoritarianism left a residue of resentment. In fact, one of the basic and ongoing causes of the present rift in the Chief Rabbinate is the army chaplaincy's apparent preference for Rabbi Yosef over its former commander, Rabbi Goren, as its *halachic* guide and mentor.

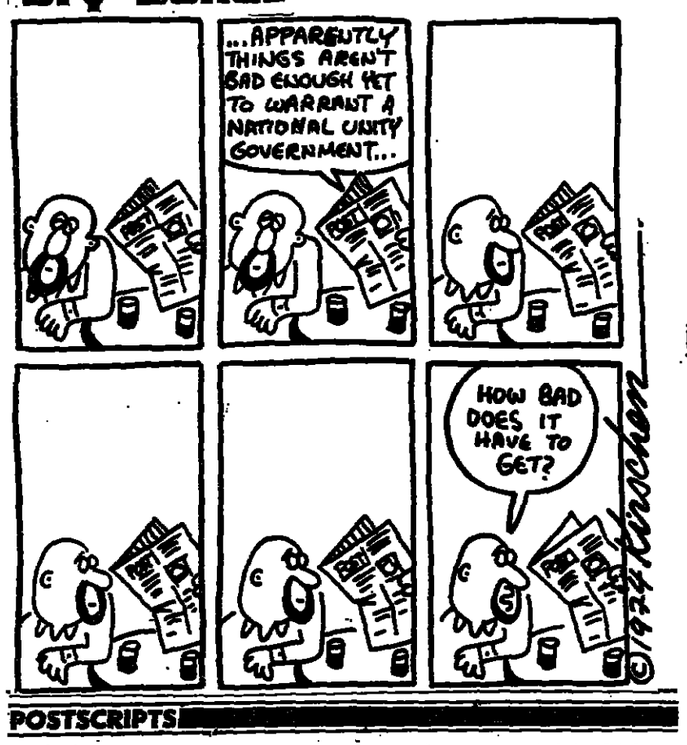
Nor is Rabbi Yosef entirely blameless. He has allowed his own grievances and differences with Rabbi Goren to be exploited by others seeking their own interests, which are not often the interests of the Chief Rabbinate.

The rupture seems beyond repair. Rabbi Yosef has for months boycotted the sessions of the Chief Rabbinate Council, claiming that they are "undemocratic" because eight of the ten Council members follow Rabbi Goren's lead. But the rule of the majority is the very essence of democracy, and the motives of the eight in supporting Rabbi Goren are entirely irrelevant, since they were all duly and fairly elected to the Council as prescribed by statute.

Moreover, Rabbi Yosef's argument that the Council's decisions are inoperative because the law requires the two Chief Rabbis to take the chair at alternate sessions, and he has not attended for several consecutive sessions, seems untenable. He can attend and take the chair whenever he wishes. His non-attendance is his own decision; the Council cannot be penalized for it.

With the situation in the Chief Rabbinate and its Council unlikely to change, and with elections nearly four years off, Rabbi Yosef would be well advised to take the initiative in seeking out for himself areas of action and influence beyond the formal, organizational confines of the Chief Rabbinate. As an outstanding scholar and as a man of humility and compassion, he could offer much-needed spiritual guidance to Sephardic Jews — especially the young — in Israel and abroad. He could revive the pastoral function of the Chief Rabbinate which has been so neglected but is at least as important as its organizational aspect.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

Mind over matter

WHATEVER you may feel about Dr. Henry Kissinger's mission, you can but admire his extraordinary physical stamina.

To commute daily between Jerusalem and Damascus, with an occasional detour to Cairo, as though he were merely going from Tel Aviv to Herzliya — and come up smiling — is little short of a superhuman endurance test. What is the secret, one wonders? Did his mother feed him only on spinach when he was young? Or what remote ancestor strode back and forth across the face of Central Europe? Or is it the victory of mind over matter?

What's his secret?

Whatever it is that makes Henry able to run so fast without flagging, the onlooker can only take pity on those of his entourage (and our own Israeli negotiating team) who have to keep up with him. We hope they are all getting overtime pay or "hard lines" allowances. *F.D.*

Champagne, anyone?

IF, like me, you consider champagne highly over-rated and can get the same kind of lift from white wine and soda, read no further.

A jeroboam of champagne (equivalent to five ordinary bottles) went up for auction this week in Chicago and was expected to fetch up to 25,000 dollars. Even if the highest bid was only 15,000 dollars, this would still work out at over 100 dollars a glass.

The sale has a certain interest for Israelis, as the wine (Chateau Lafite 1864) belongs to Mrs James de Rothschild, whose husband bequeathed six million Israeli pounds towards the building of the Knesset. The Rothschilds have operated the Chateau Lafite-Rothschild vineyards for more than a century and, as everyone here knows, laid the foundations for our own wine industry.

The jeroboam is the only one in existence of this particular champagne which is said by connoisseurs to be "exquisite, extraordinarily supple, ripe and flowery." A 19th-century wine expert described the 1864 vintage as "nectar reserved for the gods of this world — that is, for those rich enough to pay for it." *F.D.*

Letter from Yuri

EARLIER this month, *The Jerusalem Post* published the story of Yuri Kuchukov, who has been trying since December 1972 to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. He is the son of a former KGB colonel and a Jewish mother.

A letter from Yuri in Kharkov was recently received by a friend of his in Israel. It runs as follows:

"I have received another refusal (of his application for an exit visa). The reason given was my father's security clearance, although he had it a year ago. And this after ten months waiting. So everything from the start all over again...

"I listen to the radio. Kiryat Shmona, the battles for the Hermon. It all fills me with pain and anxiety. And here this feeling of being completely cut off, and the indifference...

"I have not received any mail for almost three months now. Even the mazot did not arrive for Pessach....

"But I have enough guts... I'll stick it out.

"Do not forget to write. Regards from everyone who remains here,

Your YURI"

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CO-EXISTENCE IN JERUSALEM

Abraham Rabinovich visits Abu Tor to see how things have changed there in the last five years.

"YOU fellows don't know what this is all about," said Abu Ali, gesturing at the television screen where American marines were storming ashore at Tarawa. "I was a soldier in the Turkish army. I fought against the Russians in the Caucasus."

The 91-year-old Arab was talking to his grandson Ziat and Ziat's best friend, Avraham Machsumi. The 17-year-old Jewish boy would likely be finding out what it was about soon enough since he was due to go into the army in half a year.

It was Wednesday night in the Abu Tor quarter of Jerusalem. Throughout the city soldiers and reinforced police units patrolled the streets as part of a general alert against terrorist incursions. A kilometre due north from Abu Tor, journalists in the King David Hotel were filing stories indicating that Dr. Kissinger's cease-fire efforts had hit some serious snags. But in Abu Ali's house, these matters seemed remote. In one corner, the two boys' mothers were knitting. Avraham's father, Haim Machsumi, sat on the couch with Abu Ali drinking mint tea.

The two men's houses were only 20 metres apart but until 1967 they were separated by the border which divided Jerusalem into two cities. The Six Day War had removed the barbed wire between them, changing them from nominal enemies into neighbours. Five years ago, *The Jerusalem Post* described the warm relations which had developed between the two families. The return visit was to see how this relationship had survived the Yom Kippur War and the recent terrorism.

"Our relations are stronger than ever," said Haim, who works as a janitor in the Finance Ministry offices.

"We just don't discuss politics."

Every Saturday afternoon, Abu Ali brings a finjan of hot coffee up the slope to Haim and his wife, Rachel. "He knows we're religious and that we don't boil water on Shabbat," says Haim, "so he insists on bringing us coffee. He says we drink coffee during the week and that we should have it on Saturday too." The night that Passover ends, Abu Ali and other Arab neighbours bring the Machsumis fresh pittot. Likewise, Haim and Rachel call on their Arab neighbours on Id el-Fitr and other Moslem holidays and are inevitably invited to weddings.

Arabic film

Avraham is the oldest of the nine Machsumi children. (Rachel is expecting her tenth next month.) He and Ziat work together in a book bindery in Talpiot owned by one of Haim's relatives. In the evenings they are generally in each other's house. On Saturdays, the two boys often go to see an Arabic film in East Jerusalem.

"In West Jerusalem," explains Avraham, "there aren't any Arabic subtitles for Ziat to follow." Avraham himself speaks Arabic. His younger brothers and sisters speak Hebrew to the Arab children in the neighbourhood and the latter reply in Arabic. Both sides understand the other perfectly. The Jewish and Arab children occasionally play football on the road which had formerly constituted no-man's-land.

Five years ago there was still occasional stone throwing and cursing between Jewish and Arab children in the area. This has disappeared completely, says Haim. Although only one or two of his dozen Jewish neighbours visit with residents of Arab Abu Tor, all exchange greetings when they meet — "Good morning, neighbour" or "How are you, neighbour." None of the other Jewish houses are as close physically to Arab houses as is Haim's.

Haim still serves as the unofficial *mukhtar* of the part of Arab Abu Tor adjacent to him. He presents the needs and complaints of its residents to the Municipality and to the neighbourhood association in Jewish Abu Tor. "What they want right now is for the number 6 or 7 bus from West Jerusalem to enter into their part of Abu Tor. Most of the men work in West Jerusalem and the women shop there. As it is now, they have to walk all the way up the hill from Hebron Road."

Before evening, Haim had strolled down the slope with his visitor into Arab Abu Tor. Adjacent to each other on the main street were the cafe-billiard hall and two carpentry shops. The young proprietors of all three enterprises greeted Haim warmly and insisted on a round of coffee. The cafe owner said that there were usually about five to eight youths from Jewish Abu Tor who come down the hill evenings to play billiards or the pinball machines. On Saturdays there were sometimes as many as 30. They mixed with the Arab youths and there had never been any trouble, he said.

Taxes and by-laws

One of the carpenters told Haim that a municipal inspector had come by the week before and fined him IL150 for setting up a work table on the sidewalk. It seemed arbitrary to him and he asked Haim what could be done about it. Haim said that he had probably been fined because the table did not leave room for children to pass. "But they can just step down into the street," said the carpenter. "Yes, but that would be dangerous," said Haim, nodding at the trucks parked along the curb.

Afterwards, Haim told his visitor that he made a point of explaining to his Arab neighbours about taxes and by-laws and to let them know that these burdens were shared by the Jews in at least equal measure.

Haim returned up the slope just as Ziat was approaching his house with a cousin from Hebron. Five-year-old Avner Machsumi ran to Ziat and embraced him around the knees. Ziat tousled the boy's hair and Avner took his hand as they walked. Ziat invited everyone into his grandfather's house for coffee.

Now, in the living room of Abu Ali's house, someone asked the old man if he thought Kissinger could bring peace. "Only Allah will say," said Abu Ali. "Man without God is nothing."

Abu Ali fixes a cup of mint tea for Haim Machsumi (Werner Bra

"He doesn't think much of the modern world," said Haim.

"There is no respect anymore," said Abu Ali when Haim had translated his remark into Arabic. "In the old days when a woman spoke to me she covered her mouth so that I could hardly understand what she was saying. (He drew his cloak across his mouth to demonstrate.) Today everyone is walking around naked. Nothing here (patting his arms), nothing here (patting his legs). In the old days, there would be 200-300 people in the mosque and they would listen to the sheikh's every word. Today the movie houses are full but you're hard put finding 10 people in the mosque.

No bus rides

Ziat and Avraham had turned away from the television and were listening to the old man with obvious enjoyment. "He doesn't believe in riding buses," Ziat said of his grandfather. "He insists on walking to the Old City and back (a distance of about six kilometres along steep roads).

Abu Ali caught the eye of Haim's second oldest son, Itzik, and roared "Kief Halak, Izi." The 16-year-old frequently worked with Abu Ali in the garden and was his favorite among Haim's sons.

"In Hebron (where he had lived most of his life), we had Jewish neighbours, too," said Abu Ali. "We ate together and slept in each other's houses."

The old man, who had been a farm and woodcutter all his life, had spent t afternoon cutting wood for the primiti outdoor fireplace in which he baked bre "The children got me angry today," grumbled. "None of them would help had to carry the wood up to the house by myself."

Suddenly Abu Ali was talking about t Ma'alot massacre. "When I heard abo the killing of those children, I wanted weep. The people who did it are barbaria They bring shame on us all."

On the way back to his house, Haim sa "There are people who say we can't t to the Arabs and it's no use trying. B that's not right. In our circumstances, must talk to them. We're living amo them. There are people who say 'The o good Arab is one who has been in grave 40 years.' But the opposite is tr Jews can live together with Arabs as w as they can live with other Jews or as w as Arabs can live with Arabs. Most the Arabs in Abu Tor before the Six D War when they saw me on my side of barbed wire would draw their fing across their throats. Today they're neighbours and friends, including many the people you saw me speaking to to Just after the war, Abu Ali told me t he had been sure that I would kill him first time I went to his house. I told 'Why should I want to kill you? We b believe in God. We're both human bein

READERS' LETTERS

Recognition of M.D.A.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I want to call your attention to the possibility we now have to succeed in our efforts to have the Magen David Adom officially recognized by the League of Red Cross Societies.

The International Red Cross, it must be remembered, is made up of the League of Red Cross Societies the National Societies of Red Cross, The National Societies of Red Cross, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). These three components are without any official character, but carry great moral power. The Geneva Conventions now in effect were adopted in 1949 at a Diplomatic Conference. They are agreements between governments and the Red Cross Societies are not parties to them, although they have a great deal to do in their implementation.

At the Diplomatic Conference in 1949 the government representatives present decreed that only symbols that had been recognized by earlier Diplomatic Conferences be accepted: i.e. the symbols of the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, and the Red Lion and Sun. Through the years many efforts have been made to have the Israel Magen David Adom recognized. As soon as it was announced that a Diplomatic Conference was called to discuss the Geneva Conventions, efforts were again made to have the matter of Magen David Adom recognition placed on the agenda. The Conference was called by the Swiss Government for the period February 20 to March 29, 1974. Israel is one of the 134 signatory nations to the Geneva Conventions invited to the Diplomatic Conference. It was expected that the matter of Israel Magen David Adom would be raised. Unfortunately, the Conference was bogged down in many other matters and nothing at all was accomplished. The only agreement reached was to convene the Diplomatic Conference again in February 1975.

We have been in contact with our own U.S. State Department and we seek assurances that the U.S. delegates to the February 1975 Geneva Diplomatic Conference will be instructed to work for and vote for Magen David Adom recognition. Our own American Red Cross Society has gone on record in favour of recognition of the Israel Magen David Adom. I urge all friends of Israel everywhere to immediately contact their national Red Cross Society to go on record officially in favour of the Magen David Adom, and I urge them also to let their Foreign Ministries know that they would expect their support for this recognition at the forthcoming Diplomatic Conference in Geneva. We are so close to achieving recognition for the Magen David Adom we dare not lose this opportunity. Interested people can communicate with me at 124 Richmond Place, Lawrence, New York 11559, U.S.A.

RABBI RUBIN E. DOBIN,
National Chairman
American Action Committee For the Release of Israeli PoW's.

Lawrence, N.Y., May 6.

A soldier's call

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a soldier who will fight in the next war, which will undoubtedly break out if a separation of forces is not achieved, I call on the Government to give up Kuneitra in exchange for a separation of forces and the whole Golan Heights in exchange for a real peace including the demilitarization of the Heights.

If it is necessary to defend the existence of the State, I am ready to endanger my life, but I demand that the Government do everything in its power to avoid such a contingency.

SIGNED BY SOLDIER
(Name and address supplied.)

Tel Aviv, May 7.

What Sadat wants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Too many people in Israel and throughout the world see in Sadat's leaning toward the West an omen that he has had a change of heart in his objective of destroying Israel. One should realise that what Sadat is actually doing is to try and gain the friendship of America so that he can weaken America's support of Israel and erode this friendship. When that is accomplished, Sadat can then renew the war against Israel with more effectiveness.

A. RUBENSTEIN

Bnai Brak, May 19.

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